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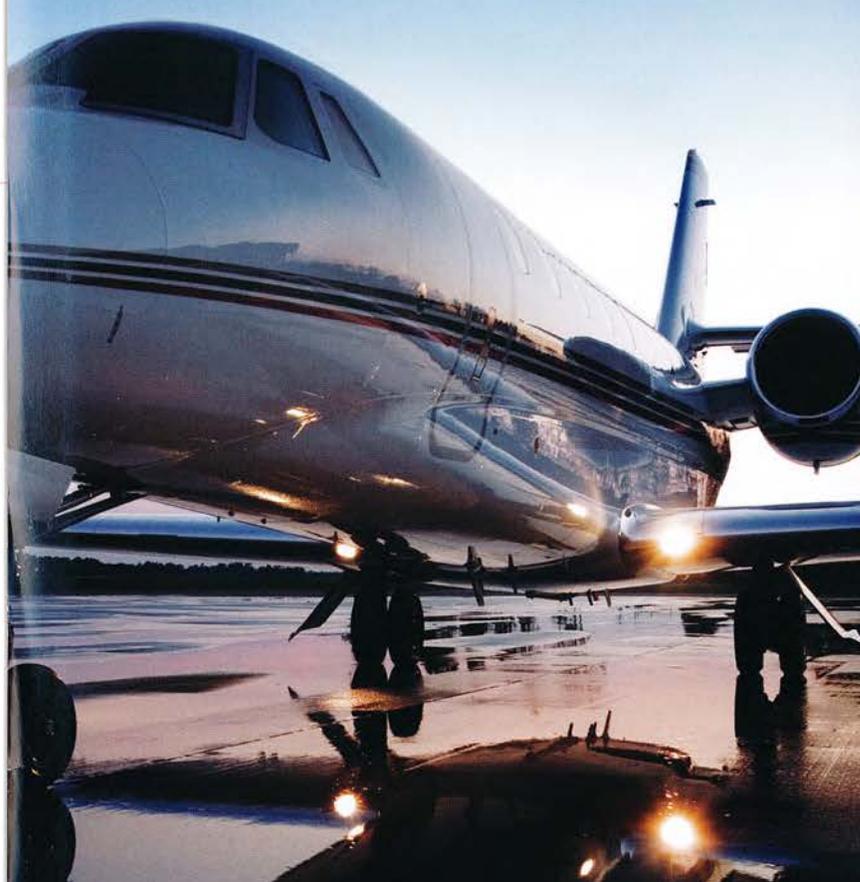
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SHARON TREGASKIS '95

It's not easy to be an observant Muslim on a secular campus, with its fraternity parties and co-ed dorms. A look at Cornell's Muslim community as it tries to balance tradition with modernity—bringing together Shia and Sunni, Americans and foreigners, students and faculty, under the umbrella of a shared faith.



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BETH SAULNIER

For more than a half-century, Junior's restaurant in Brooklyn has been churning out what may be the finest example of New York cheesecake. In time for the holidays, third-generation owner Alan Rosen '91—who started in the business as a child separating paper doilies behind the bakery counter—offers recipes for whipping up Junior's classic confection, plus such variations as pumpkin swirl and chocolate mousse.

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BETH SAULNIER

A former Ugandan child soldier; a survivor of the Somalian civil war; a woman who was gang-raped in Liberia; a Haitian facing brutal prison conditions. Cornell's Asylum and Convention Against Torture Appellate Law Clinic has represented them and more than a dozen others, training law students while helping immigrants for whom deportation could mean persecution, torture—and even death.

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IT'S 9 A.M. AND TODAY'S UNDERGRADUATE has a paper due for her 2:30 p.m. class. She's already done research online, but there are a few things she'd like to check in the library. With more than 7.7 million volumes and thousands of journals in Cornell's collection, it's a bit daunting. An experienced library professional guides her to the material she needs, and she finishes the paper in time to check in with the Financial Aid Office about her award for the coming year. She then dashes back to her West Campus residential house for a reception and dinner with a visiting speaker. It's a typical day for our undergraduate—but also an example of how teamwork between faculty and staff contributes to the quality of the Cornell experience.

Just as you remember the professors who were important influences on your life at Cornell, I'm sure you also recall staff members who connected you with corporate recruiters, coached your athletic team, helped you through the intricacies of studying abroad, prepared the food in your dining hall, and were out shoveling snow long before your 8 a.m. class. Cornell is a large and complex organization, and the partnership between faculty and staff makes it work.

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I invite those of you who have dealt with issues of concern to staff members in your own businesses to share your ideas and best practices with me so Cornell can learn from your experiences and become an even more innovative, efficient, and responsive employer than we are today.

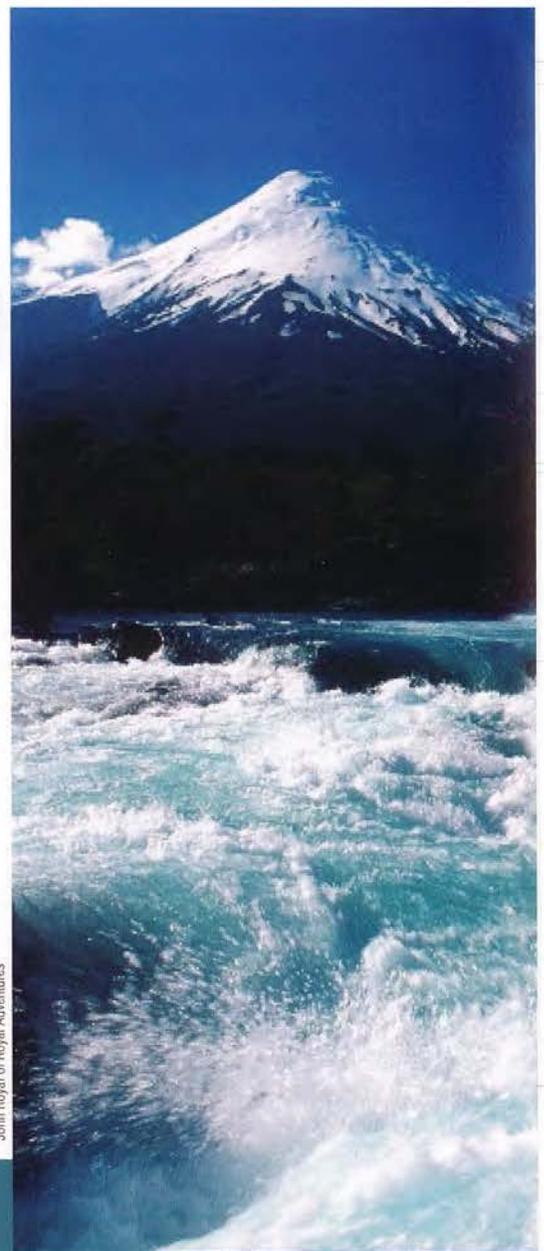
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Getting Ahead

READERS CONTINUE TO DEBATE ROBERT FRANK'S *FALLING BEHIND*

I READ THE LETTERS REGARDING THE excerpt from *Falling Behind* with a mixture of dismay and disgust (Correspondence, September/October 2007). While I do not necessarily agree with all of Professor Frank's ideas, I shudder to think that the two letters published accurately represent the feelings of most of my fellow alumni. Bill Miller '73 may be right in his assertion that "the American economy is driven by a consumption mentality" and that governmental efforts to restrain this mentality would ultimately be harmful to the economy as a whole. However, I find his claim that this rampant consumerism is the engine that "drives America to greatness" hard to stomach. There are many qualities one might choose to best embody the American ideal; I doubt many people would select consumption as one of them. (And if they would, I fear for what that says about where our country is headed.) I also found it unfortunate that the best example of consumption-for-enjoyment that Mr. Miller could offer was to drive his sports car at ninety miles per hour down a winding road—an activity that might be enjoyable but also sounds ridiculously unsafe, not to mention illegal.

At least Mr. Miller's heart seems to be in the right place; after all, if we are trapped within a consumerist culture, we may as well enjoy spending our hard-earned money, regardless of our baser

motivations. But why Edward Shine-man '65 felt the need to inject scripture into the discussion is beyond me. Is Mr. Shineman implying that Professor Frank does not possess strong religious values because he favors a progressive tax structure? I suspect he doesn't care one way or the other, so long as he gets to moralize to the rest of us.

*Dr. Jason Friedman '97
New Paltz, New York*

BILL MILLER STATES THAT THE "American middle class has prospered over the past five years," but that must be the middle class as defined in Summit, New Jersey, where Mr. Miller lives. Middle-class incomes have increased only at about the rate of inflation since the Bush era began. The stock market, after losses, has recovered and had some gains (at least so far), but the middle class is not as invested in the stock market as the average Summit resident.

Edward Shineman suggests that if Frank wants us to be happy, he should espouse "a return to faith in God and the strong religious values that pollsters find most closely correlate with individual happiness." Which pollsters are these? Faith in God may allow some to float happily above the problems of the world, but I'm



happy without much faith. Shineman suspects that George W. Bush is "not the right guy to carry out [Frank's] . . . neo-Marxian vision," but suggests that perhaps one current political candidate may be "a latter-day Stalin who is not squeamish about gutting the Bill of Rights." I agree that Bush is not very Marxian, but he is doing OK at gutting the Bill of Rights.

*Lonnie Hanauer '56, MD '60
West Orange, New Jersey*

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Background: Dr. Olds is a Professor of Pediatrics and Director of the Prevention Research Center for Family and Child Health at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver. In 1977, Dr. Olds developed a home visitation program for low-income women, who received visits by a registered nurse during pregnancy and through the child's second birthday. He and his team spent 20 years testing this program with different populations living in different contexts to make sure it worked.

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Long-term Goal: Olds's long-term goal is “to continue to make the Nurse-Family Partnership stronger, available to a larger portion of the population, and to explore whether adapted versions of the program can help children and families in other societies.” For more, visit: www.nursefamilypartnership.org.

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Cornell philosophy is based upon both freedom and responsibility, and that the responsibility is primarily individual responsibility. Because we are fundamentally responsible for our own actions and behavior as confirmed by the Constitution and Bill of Rights, each citizen is entitled to social and economic freedom, a position that Professor Frank appears not to support. We agree with those folks referred to in Frank's article who disagree with his solution and believe that he and government bureaucrats do not have a better idea of how Americans, primarily wealthy Americans, should spend their money than the citizens themselves. Frank's solution seems less like that of Ezra Cornell and Andrew Dickson White and more like that of another economist who said “from each according to their ability and to each according to their needs.”

*Stephen and Nancy Lore Einhorn '64
Milwaukee, Wisconsin*

THE COMMENTS BY BILL MILLER WERE exactly correct. This country runs on corruption, incompetence, and filth—and that is the greatness of America. There is no economy—just waste, just jerks driving ninety on country roads. “The entire culture that drives America” is driving it to collapse and decomposition. And nothing is going to change it. As the World Bank sometimes takes over indebted nations, we can only hope that the Chinese will take us over and put Mr. Miller (and the creeps on the back cover) in the rice fields. But they will just let us rot.

*Peter Cortland '57
Wallingford, Connecticut*

I LIKE TO THINK OF MY FELLOW CORNELLIANS as elevated thinkers not prone to selfishness or common myths—but this was crushed by the reality of the letters in the September/October 2007 issue. First, Bill Miller tries to justify his materialism with the claim that without “the watches and the mansions, you will never have the money to pay for the teachers.” Poor fellow, I thought, he's never been to Sweden to see that there's another way. But the very next letter claims that if Professor Frank want us to be happy “he'd be espousing a return to faith in God.” Well, perhaps he doesn't recognize that many

people (possibly including Professor Frank) don't get any happiness from religion and just find it oppressive. At least he's onto the idea that there are other routes to happiness besides materialism.

But the letter from Harvey Turner '52 really depressed me, in the way that only something really catastrophic like Ann Coulter's Cornell degree does. First of all, he pointed out that Paul Wolfowitz is a Cornellian. Say it ain't so! Even worse, Turner seems to support Wolfowitz's “moral values.” Would that be the moral values that led to 3.5 million refugees out of Iraq? Or the moral values that led to thousands of dead U.S. soldiers? Or the moral values that fabricated reasons for war such as nonexistent WMDs, phony connections to 9/11, or bogus claims of being “welcomed as liberators”? On the bright side, it made me long for my days as a student—I could use a keg party now!

*Scott Peer '80
Glendale, California*

New Light

AS A RECENT CORNELL GRADUATE AND aspiring industrial/organizational psychologist, I was severely disappointed to read the letter from Jeffrey Thurston '77 about the article “The Pursuit of Happiness” (Correspondence, September/October, 2007). His criticism of positive psychology not only shows an ignorance of the field of psychology, but a complete misunderstanding of the article's intent.

Mr. Thurston disputes the claim that “traditional psychology focuses on treating illnesses such as depression and schizophrenia,” asking, “Since when?” My answer: since 1879, at least. That was when Wilhelm Wundt established the first psychological laboratory, and since then the field has focused not only on clinical aspects, but biological, developmental, and social ones as well, sparking research that has been incorporated into our lives in countless ways. While it is true that psychology may not be a hard science like biology, it is a science nonetheless. Psychologists do plenty of empirical research—and what's more, it can often be applied to the real world. If Mr. Thurston is not satisfied with this assurance, he could investigate an emerging field known as cognitive neuropsychology, which uses



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*Kristina Dunphy '07
Annapolis, Maryland*

Let's Get Physical

"DIFFERENT STROKES" (LETTER FROM Ithaca, July/August 2007) reminded me of my years at Cornell. I don't recall the swim test, but I do remember with loathing a class in modern dance that was compulsory for freshman women. We wore black leotards and our exercises were accompanied by an elderly male pianist and frequently punctuated by the teacher crying out, "Widen the crotch, girls, widen the crotch," at which the pianist, still thumping away, would turn bright red, as did some of us.

I reluctantly tried other forms of phys ed, including riding, where—possibly because my cousin Marcia Meigs '60 was a competent horsewoman and I was tall—I was mounted on a huge brute called, I think, Big Red. Both he and I were quite happy to plod around the indoor ring, but neither of us fancied trotting. Eventually I enrolled in beginning swimming, although I already knew how to swim, and spent much of the time paddling around the shallow end of the heated pool. Walking back to Dickson at night in winter, I would often find that my hair had frozen. Sometimes I was asked to stop at Noyes Lodge to buy a can of beer for a dorm mate who used a small quantity of it to set her hair; my reward was being given the rest to drink.

*Ann Meigs Ghent '61
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Corrections

July/August 2007

Legacies, page 107: Samuel Keller '10, listed as a third-generation Cornellian, is actually a fourth-generation Cornellian. Chris J. Christensen, PhD '38, is Samuel's great-grandfather.

September/October 2007

From the Hill, page 16: The obituary of Professor Sergio Servetto said that he "focused his research on networks of small censors." That should have been "sensors." We regret the error.

Far Above... and groundbreaking



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Mother Courage

CAROLYN GOODMAN '36 WAS A REBEL WITH A CAUSE

a FEW YEARS AGO, CAROLYN Drucker Goodman '36 told me about a scene she had just witnessed from the porch of her rented home in the Hamptons. "A family of swans glided by, floating into view in a space between the thickets of grass," she recalled. "There were two adults and three young ones, all in a line. These little swans were probably a month old and ready to swim."

The metaphor—three youngsters, soon to veer off in different directions—was obvious. Carolyn, who passed away in August at the age of ninety-one, had watched her three sons embark on divergent destinies. Jonathan, the eldest, grew up to be a talented musician and Hassidic Jew living in Israel. David, the youngest, is a successful businessman in New Jersey, developing alternative-energy plants. And then there's Andrew, the middle child, who went to Mississippi and never came back. His fate would shape Carolyn's life.

In June 1964, as part of the Mississippi Summer Project—an effort to flood the state with northern college students to launch a massive voter-registration drive—twenty-year-old Andy volunteered to go to Neshoba County, a region notoriously unwelcome to "outside agitators." On his second day he went missing, along with colleagues Mickey Schwerner '61 and James Chaney. While the fate of the trio remained unknown, Carolyn became a symbol of desperate hope and anguish during a seminal moment of the civil rights movement. But forty-four days later, the young men's bodies were found buried in an earthen dam. They had been abducted and shot by the Ku Klux Klan.

This was neither the first nor the last of Carolyn's personal tragedies. Her older brother had succumbed to septicemia at age seven; her younger brother dropped out of high school and left the family. Her father committed suicide two weeks before her wedding. A stroke took her husband, Bobby Goodman '35, BCE '39, a civil engineer with a poet's heart, at age fifty-four. Her second husband, Joseph Eisner, died in 1992. Although she admitted to being greatly affected by the loss of so many of the men in her life, Carolyn Goodman was no victim. She was headstrong, resolute, unyielding in her point of view. She didn't just survive;



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she thrived. In fact, as I came to know her while working on her memoirs, I saw that her life epitomized that of the progressive twentieth-century activist.

At Cornell during the Depression, Carolyn helped organize local farmers' cooperatives. After graduation, during the Spanish Civil War, she supported the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. During the McCarthy witch hunt of the Forties and Fifties, the Goodmans' sprawling Manhattan apartment became a haven for their persecuted left-wing friends—artists and intellectuals like Zero Mostel and Alger Hiss. In the late 1960s, having

earned a master's in clinical psychology from City University and a doctorate in education from Columbia, she developed a program for emotionally disturbed mothers of young children in the Bronx. Even well into her eighties, Carolyn remained a rebel with a cause. Through the Andrew Goodman Foundation, she produced "Hidden Heroes," a documentary celebrating youth activism. And in 1999, Carolyn was gently carted off to jail, arrested while protesting the death of Amadou Diallo, the Guinean immigrant shot and killed by the NYPD.

Twice, Carolyn found her way to Mississippi. The first time was twenty-five years after Andy's death, when she organized a Freedom Caravan that rolled from Neshoba County to New York City. Carolyn claimed no interest in confronting the known perpetrators of her son's murder, who were still living free in the area. "I want to find the people who want to fight (intolerance)," she said, "not the people who are perpetuating it." But two years ago, Carolyn returned to testify at the trial of former Klan leader Edgar Ray Killen, who was found guilty of manslaughter exactly forty-one years after he orchestrated the murders.

Despite her son's fate, Carolyn Goodman maintained to the end that she had no choice but to allow him to go south. She knew that, had the civil rights battle peaked a generation earlier, she might have gone, too. "Bobby and I realized there was no way in the world we could say no to Andy," she once said. "Our lives, our values, would have had a hollow ring."

— Brad Herzog '90

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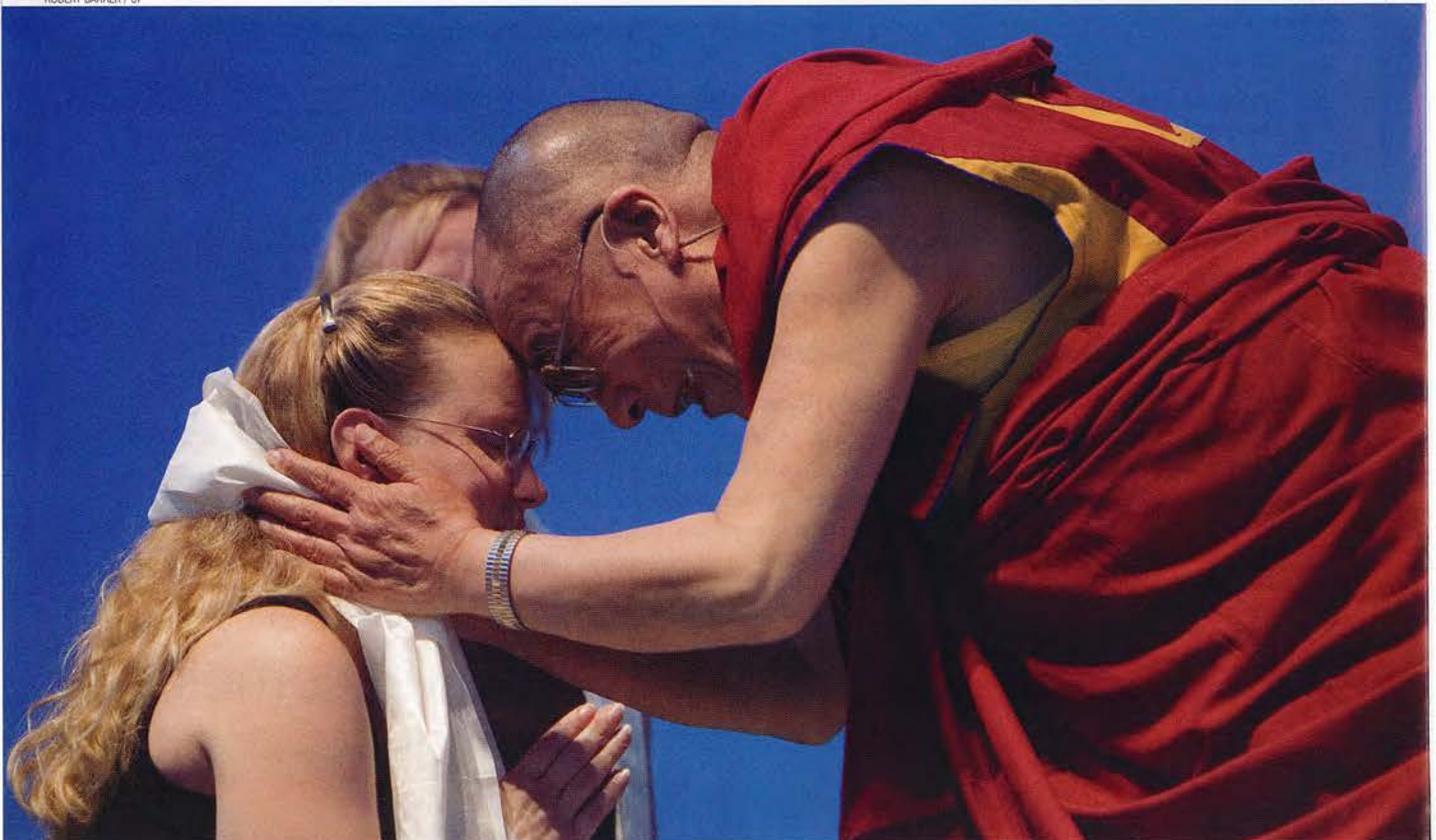
DALAI LAMA MAKES THE CASE FOR PEACE

TO A SOUNDTRACK OF THUNDER AND DRIVING RAIN pounding the roof of Barton Hall, His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama addressed a capacity crowd of more than 5,000 in October. The spiritual leader of Tibetan Buddhism last visited Cornell in 1991; Ithaca is home to the North American seat of his personal monastery. His trip—which also featured talks at Ithaca College and a downtown theater, as well as the viewing of sand mandalas at the Johnson Museum—included the blessing of a new monastic facility to be built outside of town.

At Barton, he gave a speech entitled “A Human Approach to World Peace,” repeatedly calling his audience “my human

brother-sisters.” Sitting cross-legged on an upholstered chair, speaking English with the occasional aid of a translator, he noted that “peace doesn’t mean absence of violence.” He cited the example of the Cold War: “That is not genuine peace—a peace of fear.” Often displaying an engaging sense of humor, the Dalai Lama declared that unlike carnivorous animals, human beings have “gentle” bodies without claws or fangs—prompting laughs when he proceeded to growl and describe a French friend who has very long fingernails. “We are social animals,” he said. “One individual’s future is very much dependent on the rest of humanity.”

ROBERT BARKER / UP



Star Trek

ASTRONOMERS AIM TO SAVE ARECIBO

CORNELL'S ARECIBO OBSERVATORY, SET FOR SEVERE FEDERAL budget cuts that could lead to its closure, may get a reprieve. The world's most sensitive radio telescope was the subject of a two-day scientific meeting held in Washington, D.C., in September. More than seventy astronomers discussed the observatory's future, making a scientific case for its continued existence. A few weeks later, two U.S. Representatives introduced a bill seeking to guarantee Arecibo's funding. Said Congressman Luis Fortuño of Puerto Rico: "Maintaining this facility is an investment in our nation's future. The cost is small compared to the benefits for America and mankind." Congressional hearings on the importance of detecting potentially dangerous near-Earth asteroids—a field in which Arecibo is a leader—are scheduled for November.

Sacred Space

A WIDER AUDIENCE FOR SAGE?

IN THE HOPE OF REVERSING A LONGTIME DECLINE IN attendance at Sage Chapel, the director of Cornell United Religious Work has launched new programs and made some logistical changes—including moving Sunday services from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The new time, says the Reverend Kenneth Clarke Sr., is "more student friendly." Clarke has also tried to reach out to the Cornell community via musical programs, and has organ-

ized events around monthly themes such as "faith and reason." The 800-seat chapel, opened in 1875, will continue its traditional offerings such as Monday candle-lightings and Wednesday organ concerts. "Amidst the busy, frenetic life of an Ivy League land-grant institution, and particularly in Cornell culture," says Clarke, "where you have hard-working and driven students committed to scholarly rigor, with all the excitement and the stresses that come with that, this is one of the few spaces on campus where there's an opportunity to reflect on one's life, one's experiences."

Online & Upward

A NEW WEBSITE FOR CAM

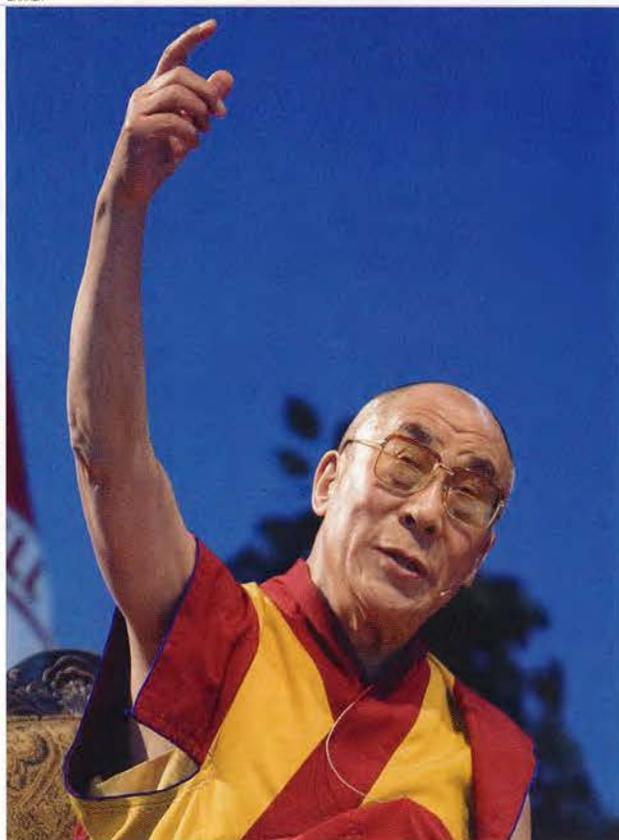
CORNELL ALUMNI MAGAZINE WILL REVAMP ITS WEBSITE over the next year, aiming for dramatic improvements to an online presence that was originally launched in 1995. "We're hoping this will be much more engaging for the alumni community than our current site," says the magazine's editor and publisher, Jim Roberts '71. Proposed additions include putting more content online and maintaining a staff-run journal of local news and campus events. Although the effort was made possible by support from the University, Roberts stresses that the site's content—like that of the print magazine—will remain editorially independent of Cornell. "We're excited about the ability to show a broader range of information," says Vice President for University Communications Tommy Bruce. "This is a great group of writers and editors who need to be playing on a larger canvas." The new site is scheduled to debut in early 2008.



LINDSAY FRANCE / UP

Advocate for peace: Before the Dalai Lama spoke at Barton Hall, monks from the Namgyal Monastery Institute chanted for a half-hour (above). After he was introduced by President Skorton, the Tibetan Buddhist leader made the point that genuine peace is not just "absence of violence" (right). After his address, he thanked Mareike Larsen and Susan Wardwell for serving as American Sign Language interpreters during the program (left).

BARKER





BETH SAULNIER

Learning the ropes: A Tyrolean traverse across Fall Creek Gorge was among the training offered at the Northeast Wilderness Medicine Conference, held on campus in late September. More than 150 doctors, EMTs, and other health-care professionals attended the conference, whose organizers included Cornell Outdoor Education and Weill Cornell Medical College. Participants explored the perils of altitude sickness, diving accidents, snakebites, hypothermia, and more.

Give My Regards To . . .

These Cornellians in the News

Professors **Scott Emr** (cell and molecular biology) and **Richard Durrett** (math), elected to the National Academy of Sciences.

Professors **Andrew Clark** (molecular biology and genetics), **Steven Strogatz** (theoretical and applied mechanics), **Éva Tardos** (computer science), and **William Thurston** (mathematics), named Jacob Gould Schurman Professors.

English professor **Robert Morgan**, winner of an Academy Award in Literature by the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Cornell University, named a “best employer” for working moms by *Working Mother* magazine, and for people aged fifty and older by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Abraham Stroock '95, assistant professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering, named a 2007 Young Innovator by *Technology Review*.

Marketing professor **Brian Wansink**, winner of an Ig Nobel Award from the scientific humor magazine *Annals of Improbable Research* for his often-quirky investigations of human eating habits. The award is given annually for “research that makes people laugh and then think.”

Safety First

CU UPDATES EMERGENCY PLAN

IN THE WAKE OF THE VIRGINIA TECH SHOOTINGS AND the effects of Hurricane Katrina on colleges in New Orleans—as well as concerns about the security of chemicals in campus labs—Cornell is taking steps toward stronger emergency planning. Focusing on keeping the University community informed, officials are working to provide better information about emergencies using text messages, cell phones, and alert sirens. They’re also formulating plans for responding to everything from a blizzard to a flu pandemic. “How do you continue business, or at least the essential services and research, during an emergency?” asks Peggy Matta, Cornell’s new director of emergency planning and recovery. Emergency plans within all colleges and major administrative units will be developed and updated to better prepare students, faculty, and staff. Says Dr. Janet Corson-Rikert, executive director of Ganett Health Services: “This anticipatory planning, planning for a crisis of absenteeism, involves the entire university.”

Don't Pollute

ECOLOGIST NAMES CULPRIT FOR WORLDWIDE ILLS

POLLUTION OF WATER, AIR, AND SOIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR about 40 percent of deaths worldwide, says Cornell ecology professor David Pimentel, PhD '51. In an article to be published in the journal *Human Ecology* in December, Pimentel and a team of Cornell graduate students argue that the environmental fallout from pollution damages the health of some 3.7 billion people. Perils include waterborne infections, toxic chemicals, and the rise of drug-resistant microbes. “We have serious environmental resource problems of water, land, and energy,” says Pimentel, whose team reviewed data from more than 120 published papers to reach their conclusions, “and these are now coming to bear on food production, malnutrition, and the incidence of diseases.”

D-Lovely

NEW eCOMMONS SITE UNVEILED

CORNELL'S DSPACE ONLINE DIGITAL REPOSITORY HAS gotten a make-over, reemerging as a more user-friendly site called eCommons@Cornell. The site is an eclectic collection of archives and information: a virtual tour of Cornell Plantations; articles on the status of Muslim women; a video on famed physicist Hans Bethe; a downloadable file containing Andrew Dickson White's two-volume *History of the Warfare of Science with Theology*. It is also home to an archive of *Cornell Alumni Magazine* and other University-related publications. The site can be found at <http://ecommons.library.cornell.edu>.

R&D

More information on campus research is available at www.news.cornell.edu.

A study led by Purnima Menon, PhD '02, a research associate in nutritional sciences, has found that the nutritional supplement "Sprinkles"—a powder containing iron, vitamins, and minerals—cuts anemia rates among children in developing countries by more than half.

Scientists have discovered a new fruit fly gene called hydra, which is involved in sperm cell development and appears to be unrelated to other genes in any known genome. The find was published in *PloS Genetics* with Hsiao-Pei Yang, a senior researcher in molecular biology and genetics, as first author.

Simply viewing advertisements for smoking-cessation aids may increase the chances of quitting. A study of more than 28,000 current and former smokers conducted by policy analysis and management professor Alan Mathios found that just seeing the ads, regardless of whether the products were purchased and used, makes smokers more likely to try to quit.

Solving a century-old mystery, researchers at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research have found a signal—methyl salicylate—that alerts a plant's immune system to defend against invaders. The work on the phenomenon, known as systemic acquired resistance, was published in the journal *Science* in October.

Collaborative work by researchers from across the University—including the Vet, Ag, and Medical colleges—has shown that a novel group of *E. coli* bacteria is associated with intestinal inflammation in patients with Crohn's disease. The disease, an incurable inflammatory disorder of the intestine, affects one person out of 1,000 in Europe and North America.

A low-fat vegetarian diet may be efficient in terms of the amount of land required to support it—but adding some dairy products and a little meat may make it even more so. That's the finding of a study published in *Renewable Agriculture and Food System*. Researchers led by crop and soil sciences postdoc Christian Peters, PhD '07, compared forty-two diets with the same number of calories but varying amounts of meat and fat.

Good News

TOP HONORS FOR ENGINEERS

FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW, THE UNIVERSITY'S ENGINEERING PHYSICS program has been rated best in the nation by *U.S. News & World Report*. In the magazine's latest ranking of colleges and universities, Cornell was rated twelfth overall (the same as the previous year), tying with Washington University in St. Louis. The University took fourth place in the category of economic diversity, calculated by the percentage of undergrads receiving Pell Grants.

Provost Post

MARTIN'S DEPUTY NAMED

DAVID HARRIS, CORNELL'S VICE PROVOST FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES, HAS ALSO been named deputy provost, a new position established in August. The creation of the post, Provost Bidy Martin says, "will allow me to work even more directly with the deans to ensure that we enhance the quality of our faculty and programs as we face the challenge of replacing hundreds of faculty and moving in new research directions." Harris's new duties include coordinating the work of vice provosts and focusing on diversity issues.

Africa Bound

A DEGREE IN ETHIOPIA

STARTING THIS FALL, CORNELL WILL OFFER ITS FIRST DEGREE PROGRAM IN Africa. One of the University's few degrees that does not require a period of residence at a Cornell campus, the Master of Professional Studies (MPS) in international agriculture and rural development will be offered in conjunction with Ethiopia's Bahir Dar University. Designed to help students develop skills in hydrology, watershed management, project administration, and communication, the degree will require thirty credit hours of instruction. It's intended for students from African universities who plan to work on grassroots development projects, though Ithaca-based students will be able to take courses and conduct research there as well. "It's been fascinating—and daunting—to pull this together and to make sure that systems we have at Cornell will work in Ethiopia," says Alice Pell, professor of animal science and one of the program's developers.

Scientific Method

\$85 MILLION FACILITY BREAKS GROUND

CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW PHYSICAL SCIENCES BUILDING HAS BEGUN ON East Avenue between Rockefeller Hall and Baker Lab. Offering enhanced research and teaching space for chemistry, chemical biology, physics, and other fields, the facility is designed to invite collaboration. "Some of the most interesting work in science occurs at the boundaries between disciplines," says Arts and Sciences dean Peter Lepage. The new building, he says, "will bring Cornell's culture of scientific collaboration—one of the strongest in the country—to a new level." Scheduled for completion in fall 2010, the \$85 million project will include more than eighty research and teaching laboratories as well as meeting spaces, a 120-seat auditorium, study areas, and a café.

In the Fast Lane

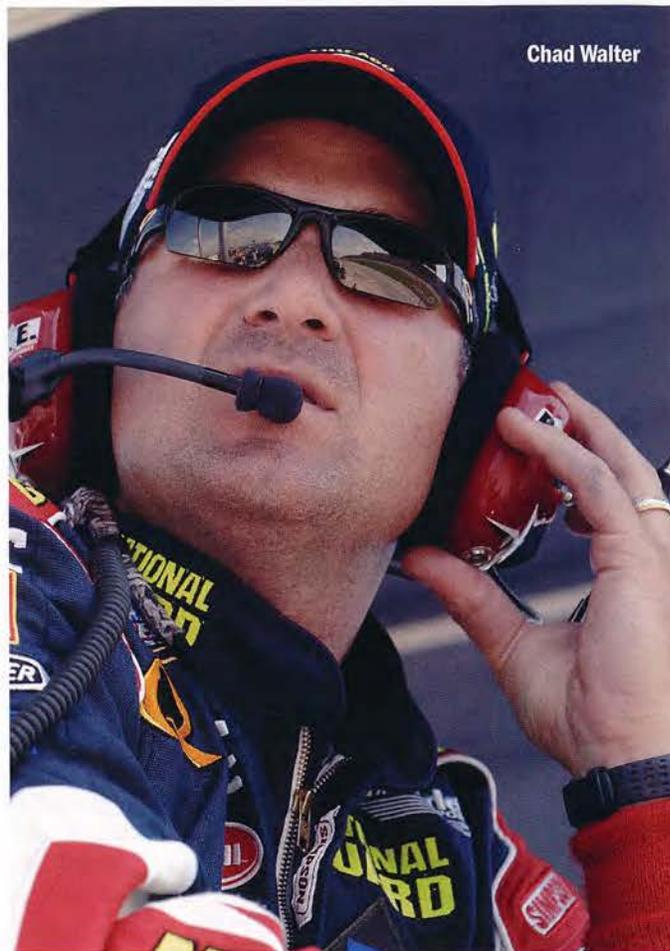
CHAD WALTER '93 KEEPS THE RACE CARS RUNNING

WITH HIS ENGINEERING DEGREE IN HAND, CHAD Walter '93 left Cornell and headed south to look for a job in stock car racing. His decision was not well received, either in North Carolina or back home. "My mom wasn't happy about it," says Walter, who grew up near Buffalo. "She thought I was crazy for wanting to work on race cars after getting an Ivy League education." And as for the racing teams? "They were a bunch of good ol' boys, and they knew what they were doing," Walter says. "They knew how to make these cars go fast, and they didn't need an engineer's opinion. I couldn't have given them a good one anyway, because I didn't know a whole lot about it."

But times have changed—and engineers have become a vital part of the NASCAR scene. Walter is now crew chief for the No. 24 National Guard Chevrolet in the NASCAR Busch Series, working for one of the top teams in auto racing, Hendrick Motorsports. The team, which has seventeen cars and \$22 million in sponsorship, is a long way from Walter's first job. "I pushed brooms, busted down tires, moved equipment around—whatever needed to be done," says Walter, who played Big Red football for a couple of seasons until injuries forced him out. "I was around race cars for five or six years before I started to tell people that I knew how to turn on a computer. That was the smartest way I could have done it, because I learned about what I was engineering before actually doing it."

Walter had been a race fan growing up; his appreciation for the sport deepened when he worked on Cornell's Formula SAE team, competing against other schools to design an open-wheel race car to specifications from the Society of Automotive Engineers. (The cars are judged on both design and performance; with Walter on the team, Cornell took first place in 1992 and 1993.) He got his first engineering job with Dale Earnhardt Inc. in 2000, working on a Daytona 500-winning team, and eventually became head engineer. In 2005, he moved to Hendrick Motorsports as an engineer for the No. 5 and No. 25 Nextel Cup teams; a year later he served as crew chief for the No. 5 Busch Series car driven by Kyle Busch, which won one race and finished seventh in the season standings.

As crew chief, Walter's role is similar to that of the head coach of a football team. He's in charge of preparing the car in the garage, working with the driver to determine the best setup, and making strategic calls during the race. Walter relies on a crew of twenty-eight as he prepares for two to three races at a time; he's typically on the road at least three days a week during the season, which runs from February through mid-November. "This business is twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year," says Walter, who is married and has four children. "There's no such thing as time off. The competition is so tight that you can't afford to take time off, or you're just going to suffer."



Chad Walter

HENDRICK MOTORSPORTS

He's about to get even busier. Hendrick is combining its Busch Series program with JR Motorsports, which is owned by Dale Earnhardt Jr., who will move into a Hendrick Nextel Cup car in 2008. The driver lineup for the Hendrick-owned No. 5 car is slated to include Earnhardt, Mark Martin, and former Nextel Cup champion Jimmie Johnson, among others. The team will operate out of the JR Motorsports garage in Mooresville, North Carolina, with Hendrick Motorsports supplying engines, chassis, and engineering. As the crew chief of the No. 5, Walter will spend much of the off-season moving people and equipment thirty miles from Charlotte to Mooresville. "We'll have two teams running for the championship, and I'm excited about that," says Walter. "I love coming to work every day." And though much of his time is spent poring over test results and notes from previous races, Walter says the non-technical aspects of his job are more important. "Making the cars handle well at 180 miles per hour isn't easy, but it's

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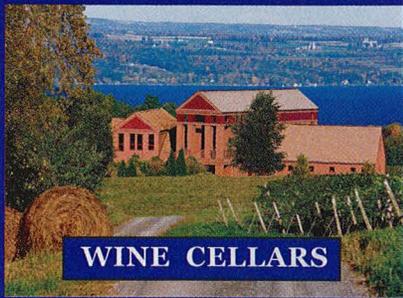
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GIANT STEP After a rookie season in which he started 14 of 16 games, **Kevin Boothe '05** had little reason to think that he wouldn't be back with the Oakland Raiders in 2007. Then a new head coach took over, and he found himself one of the players let go when the team made its final cuts. But Boothe, a 6-foot-5, 315-pound guard, didn't stay unemployed for long. The day after he was released by the Raiders, the New York Giants picked him up on waivers to bolster their offensive line. Ten-year NFL veteran **Seth Payne '97** wasn't as fortunate, as he was cut by the Jacksonville Jaguars. Originally drafted by the Jaguars in 1997, Payne moved to the Houston Texans five years later. His 2006 season was truncated by a knee injury, and the Texans eventually released him. He tried to catch on again with the Jaguars, but was cut before the regular season began.

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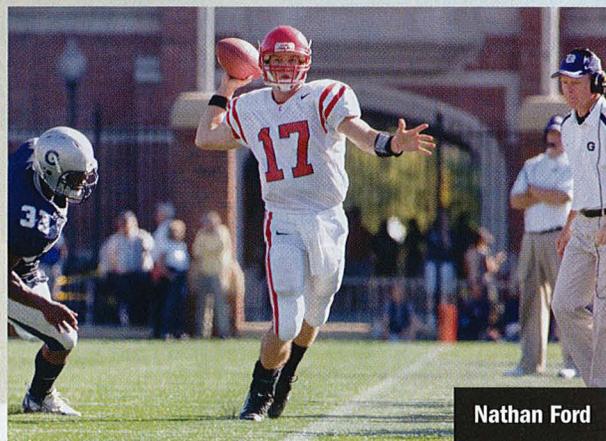
Kim Standridge

FLEET FEET Kim Standridge '11 didn't take long to make her mark on the cross-country record book. The freshman from Randolph, New Jersey, won her first race with the Big Red, posting the school's best time ever by a woman runner on the 5K Moakley Course layout. Despite falling once while running in the rain, Standridge covered the course in 18:36.6, eclipsing the previous Cornell record of 18:36.9 set by **Emily Germano '00** and just missing the overall course record of 18:34 set by Ashley Ulrich of Army in 2003. Cornell took six of the top seven places to open the season with an 18-43 win over Army.

HOME FIELD Cornell is guaranteed to play a role in the 2008 NCAA men's lacrosse playoffs, even if the team isn't in the tournament. The NCAA has announced that Schoellkopf Field will be one of two sites for quarterfinal contests. Two games will be held in Ithaca on Sunday, May 17, with the winner of each advancing to the NCAA semifinals in Foxboro, Massachusetts, a week later. Navy will host the other two quarterfinal games on Saturday, May 16.

BACK ON BOARD The Cornell rowing program recently welcomed back one of its own as a member of the coaching staff: **Dan Fronhofer '04** has been named assistant coach for women's rowing after working as a volunteer assistant with the men's lightweight and heavyweight teams last season. Fronhofer was a four-year member of the crew team and as a senior earned the Ackerman Award for motivation and inspiration. His post-Cornell rowing career has included a gold medal at the 2006 Head of the Charles Regatta in an eight-man shell and a trip to the Pan-American Game trials.

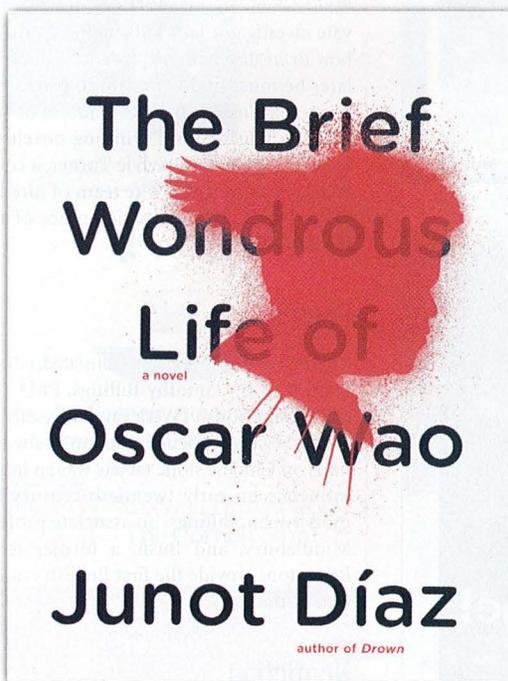
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Nathan Ford

Big Game September 29, 2007

One week after suffering a 51-12 loss at Yale, the Big Red football team bounced back in a big way, downing Georgetown 45-7. Playing before a GU Homecoming crowd of 3,184, Cornell dominated all aspects of the game. Senior **Luke Siwula** ran for 93 yards and three touchdowns, junior quarterback **Nathan Ford** completed 22 of 32 pass attempts for 201 yards, and the defense shut down the Hoyas, allowing only 119 yards rushing and making five sacks. "We played very strongly against Bucknell and then last week [against Yale] we didn't perform the techniques like we should have," head coach **Jim Knowles '87** told the *Daily Sun*. "We challenged them this week—and I love the way our front line responded."

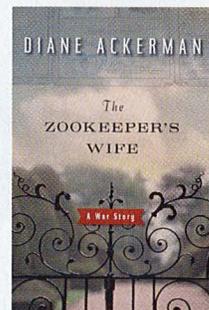


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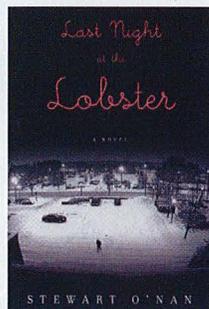
THE BRIEF WONDROUS LIFE OF OSCAR WAO

by Junot Díaz, MFA '95 (Riverhead Books). Junot Díaz's first novel, published eleven years after his debut short story collection, *Drown*, leaps between street slang and literary language. It tells the story of Oscar, a fat, lovelorn science fiction geek and would-be writer, his beautiful sister, Lola, and their emotionally volatile mother, Belicia Cabral, against the backdrop of Paterson, New Jersey, and the Dominican Republic. The Cabral family was ruined by the Trujillo dictatorship and lives under a curse. Oscar's search for love takes him to Santo Domingo, but even love cannot release him from his family's past.

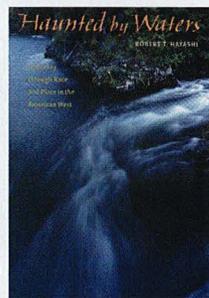
THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE by Diane Ackerman, MFA '73, PhD '79 (W. W. Norton). When the Germans attacked Warsaw during the invasion of Poland in 1939, zookeepers Antonina and Jan Zabinski saw many of their animals killed in the bombardment and the survivors transported to zoos in Germany. Horrified by Nazi racism, the Zabinskis turned the zoo into a refuge, extracting some Jews from the ghetto, and hiding others in animal enclosures. Jan cached explosives for the Resistance right under the noses of the Gestapo; Antonina cared for animals and secreted her "guests" in their villa. At great risk to themselves, they saved the lives of more than 300 Jews.



LAST NIGHT AT THE LOBSTER by Stewart O'Nan, MFA '92 (Viking). Stewart O'Nan's latest follows Manny, the manager of a Red Lobster in New Britain, Connecticut, and his crew as they work during a snowstorm on the restaurant's last day. This short novel finds the extraordinary in the ordinary rituals of restaurant work. More than a simple slice of life, it becomes a story about the conflict between love and desire, and the strange moral force that comes from doing a job well even when (especially when) no one seems to care.



HAUNTED BY WATERS by Robert T. Hayashi, MFA '89 (University of Iowa Press). Meditating upon the region's Japanese American history as he undertakes a fly-fishing trip in Idaho, an assistant professor of English at the University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh, Hayashi—whose grandfather died in the Minidoka internment camp—unravels the complex reality of people and environment in the West. Hayashi argues that considering race is essential for a full understanding of American places. "Being naturalized as an other in America has always meant moving in its spaces conscious of borders, of places where you cannot or should not venture."



SOURCEBOOK OF SCANDINAVIAN FURNITURE by Judith Gura '56 (W. W. Norton). Combining strong national crafts traditions and modernist aesthetic, the five Nordic countries have had a dominant influence on contemporary furniture design. "The unique determinants of their extraordinary success," writes Gura, a professor and director of the design history program at the New York School of Interior Design, "were the character of the people and a cultural climate that nurtured their particular attitude toward design—one in which the integrity of each object was more important than the pursuit of fashion."



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Recently Published

Fiction

SILENCE by Thomas Perry '69 (Harcourt). Private investigator Jack Till taught Wendy Harper how to create a new identity and disappear. Years later he must find her again to prove that her former business partner is innocent of Wendy's murder. Edgar Award-winning novelist Perry introduces Paul and Sylvie Turner, a comically sinister husband and wife team of hired killers who possess the "unhurried grace of wading birds."

Poetry

STÈLES by Victor Segalen; translated, edited, and annotated by Timothy Billings, PhD '97, and Christopher Bush (Wesleyan University Press). Victor Segalen's poetic imitation of the inscriptions on Chinese stone tablets was an important influence on early twentieth-century French modernism. Billings, an associate professor at Middlebury, and Bush, a former fellow at Princeton, provide the first English critical edition of the work.

Nonfiction

SHALL THE MURDERER GO UNPUNISHED! by Stephen D. Butz '94, MAT '96 (North Country Books). One of the largest brains in Cornell's Wilder Brain Collection belongs to Edward Ruloff. Today he lends his name to a College-town restaurant, but the polymath, inventor, and theoretician on the origin of language led a double life as the leader of a gang of thieves and a murderer who began his criminal career in mid-nineteenth-century Ithaca.

GO, AND DO THOU LIKEWISE by Shirley H. Fondiller (Cornell University–New York Hospital School of Nursing Alumni Association). Dr. Fondiller explores the history of the School of Nursing from 1877 to 1979, and examines the changing role of the nursing profession.

DVDs

GREEN LIGHTS aka *The Ithaca Movie*, directed by Cornell physics lecturer Robert Lieberman and Slavomir Grunberg, is now available on DVD. Much of the film was shot in Ithaca, and many Ithacans—including Cornell faculty and staff—appear as themselves or extras. *Variety* praised the movie's "small town-meets-Hollywood vibe," calling it "one of those great, absurd movies-within-movies." Lieberman's 2005 documentary *Last Stop Kew Gardens*, about his boyhood neighborhood in Queens, is also available on DVD. Both movies can be purchased at www.kewgardensmovie.com.

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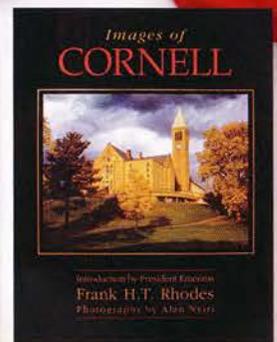
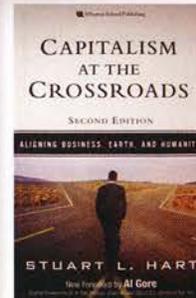
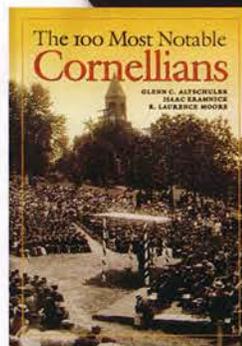


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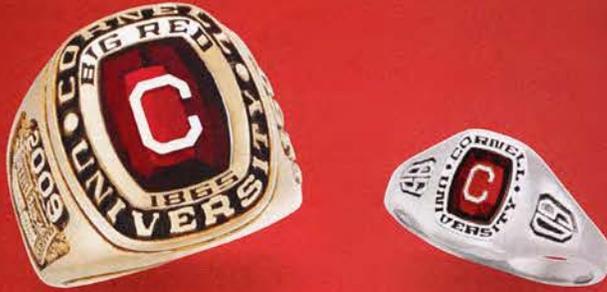
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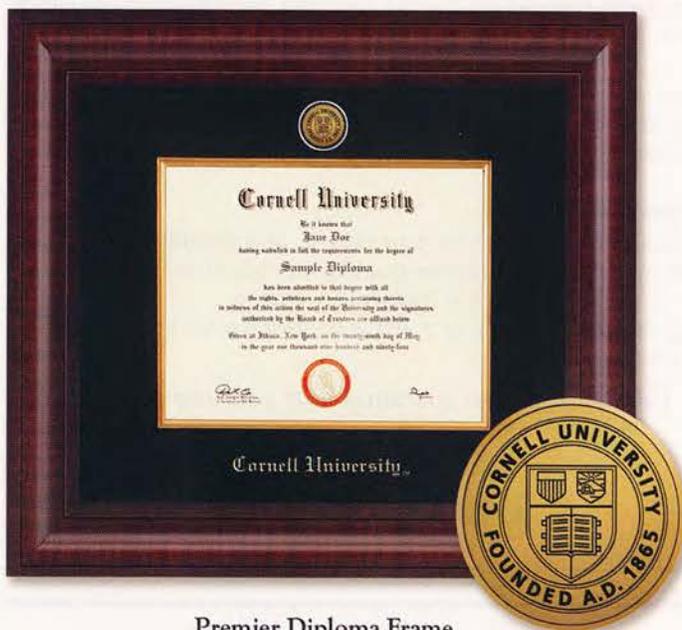
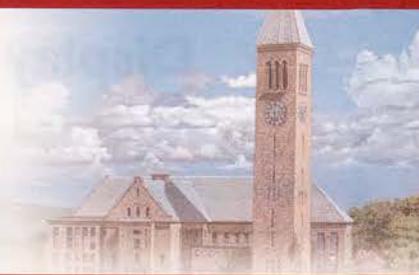
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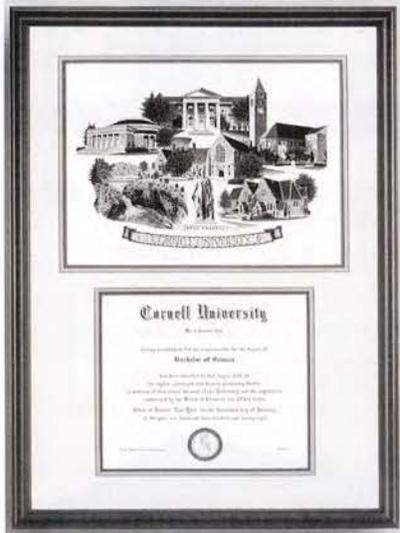
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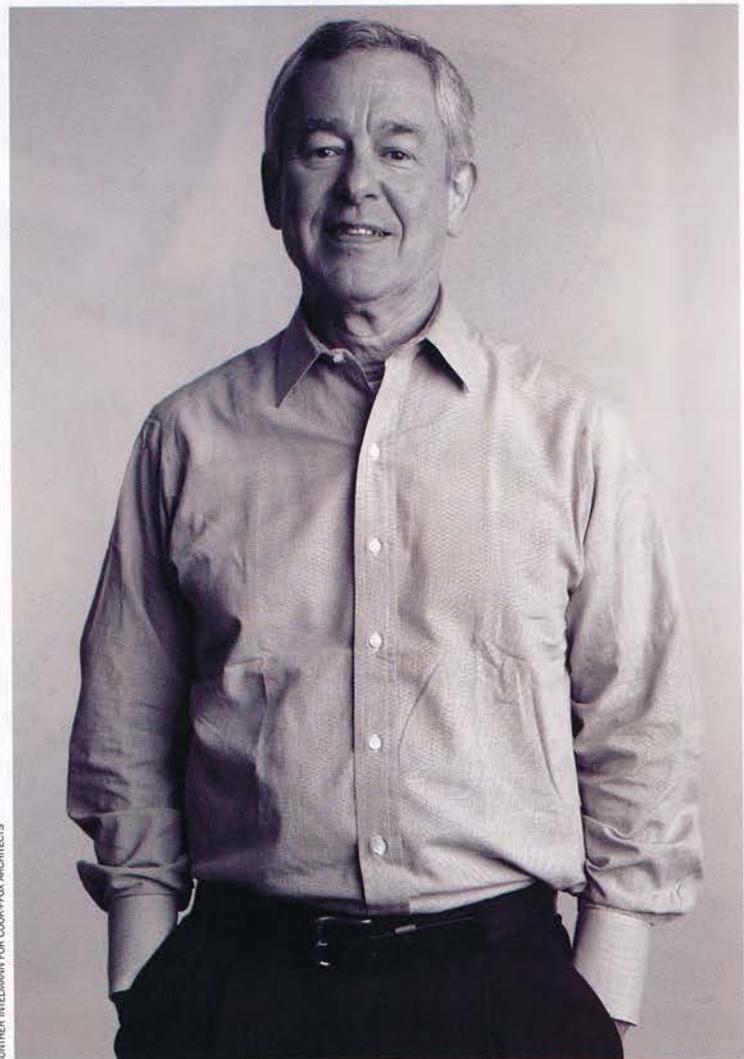
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DESIGNING THE NATION'S GREENEST SKYSCRAPER

bOB FOX SPENT A LOT OF TIME OUTDOORS as a kid. He lived on a farm, and without a TV on the premises, he created his own entertainment. “I had a dog and walked in the woods, biked to a friend’s; we’d go swimming in the creek and look at what lives in it,” says Fox ’63, BArch ’65. “I was closer to nature than a lot of people are today.” Meanwhile his father, a mechanical engineer, cultivated his son’s nascent interest in how things work.

Fast-forward a half-century. From an eco-renovated office complete with rooftop butterfly garden in Manhattan’s historic Ladies’ Mile shopping district, Fox has built a name as one of the nation’s top green architects. A member of Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s sustainability advisory board and founding chairman of the U.S. Green Building Council’s New York chapter, Fox made *Forbes* magazine’s 2007 architectural tastemakers list for his ambitious, eco-friendly designs. Next year, he’ll cement that reputation with the completion of One Bryant Park—the Durst Organization’s \$1.3 billion, 2.2 million-square-foot skyscraper at the corner of Sixth Avenue and 42nd Street in midtown Manhattan. Slated to capture the title of largest green office tower in the country, the soaring, fifty-five-story structure will also be the second tallest building in New York City.

Getting to this point has meant turning conventional architecture on its head—redefining the architect’s relationship to the engineers and contractors who shepherd a building from concept to completion. “The typical architect designs a building and hands it to an engineer and says, ‘Make it warm in winter and cool in summer,’ and a whole lot gets bolted on,” says Fox, who also designed the solar-powered Condé Nast building at 4 Times Square, winner of the Association of Energy Engineers’ 1995 Project of the Year award. “My attitude was, how do



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Closer to nature: The architect Bob Fox ’63, BArch ’65, has designed the nation’s greenest skyscraper (right), a 2.2 million-square-foot tower now rising in Manhattan.

we work with them?”

At One Bryant Park, slated to house Bank of America’s headquarters and data center, among other tenants, such an integrated approach has yielded a natural-gas-powered co-generation plant in the basement that creates electricity and captures waste heat to warm interior spaces; air-conditioning boosted with ice made overnight when electrical demand drops; and innovative shading incorporated into the structure’s gleaming glass curtain wall without obscuring the view. Waterless urinals and a rainwater collection system for toilets will reduce the building’s water consumption to about half of code, while underfloor air systems will provide personalized heating and cooling at every workspace. Additional green touches include contracts mandating 90 percent capture of recyclable construction materials and concrete reinforced with blast furnace slag, a waste product of coal power plants. Interior features—including extensive natural light, recycled carpets, and bamboo flooring—will highlight the tower’s eco-appeal. “The state of the art in this industry is that to achieve better outcomes, the design process has to be holistic and integrated,” says Scott Frank ’87, MS ’93, a founding member of the New York State Green Building Council and a partner at Jaros Baum & Bolles, the engineering firm collaborating with Cook+Fox on One Bryant Park. “We took a little more time so we could pause at every decision juncture, step back and ask, ‘What could we do differently? What haven’t we thought of? What other directions could we take?’”

Going green has a reputation for being costly, but the integrated approach at One Bryant Park has also saved money by optimizing systems and reducing long-term operating expenses. Bank of America anticipates additional savings through higher productivity and lower absenteeism, thanks to increased worker satisfaction. Yet Fox sees more than money in the balance. “What does it cost not to build green?” he muses. “Why would one want to build a building that consumes more electricity and water than it should, that includes materials that are harmful to people’s health? Why would you want to?”

— Sharon Tregaskis ’95

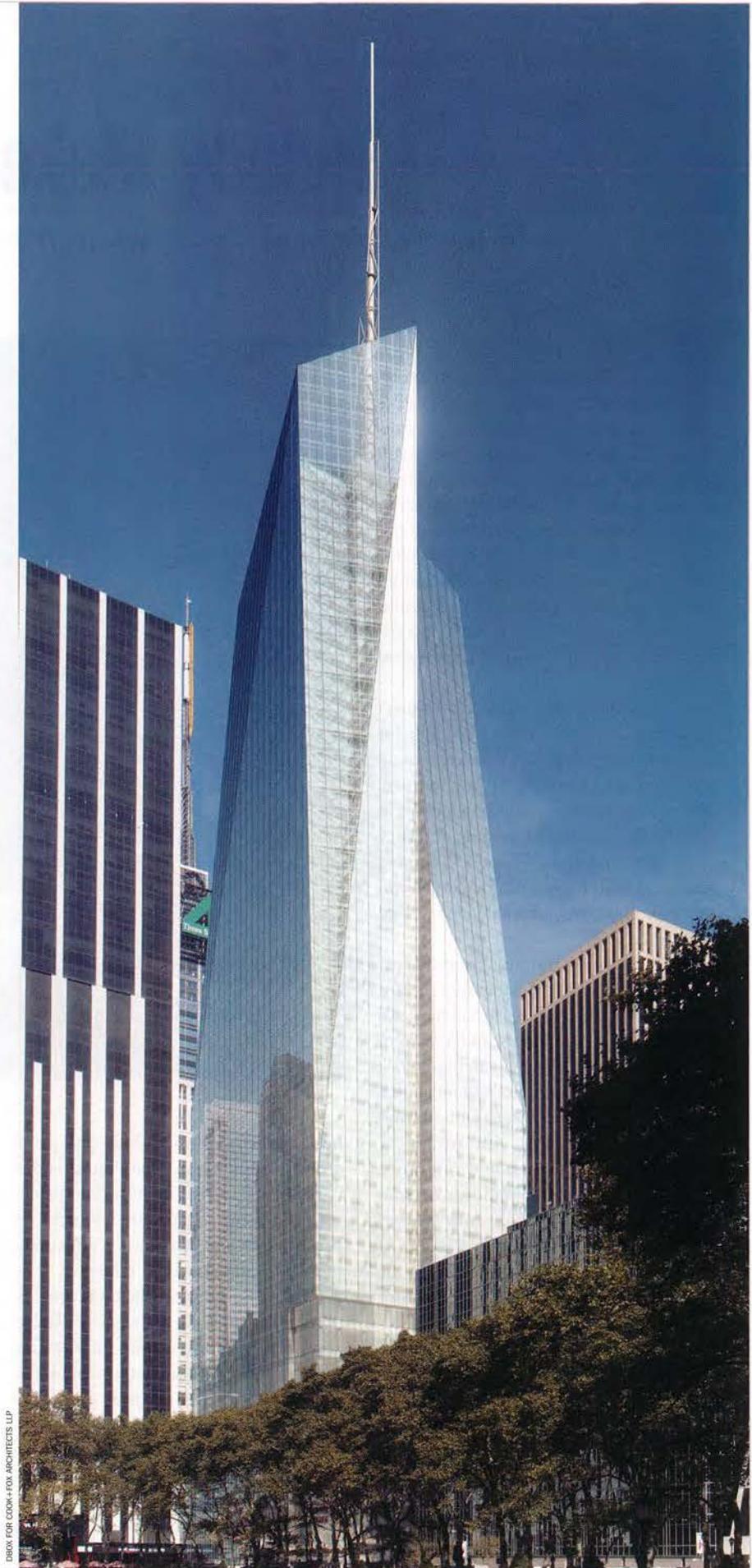


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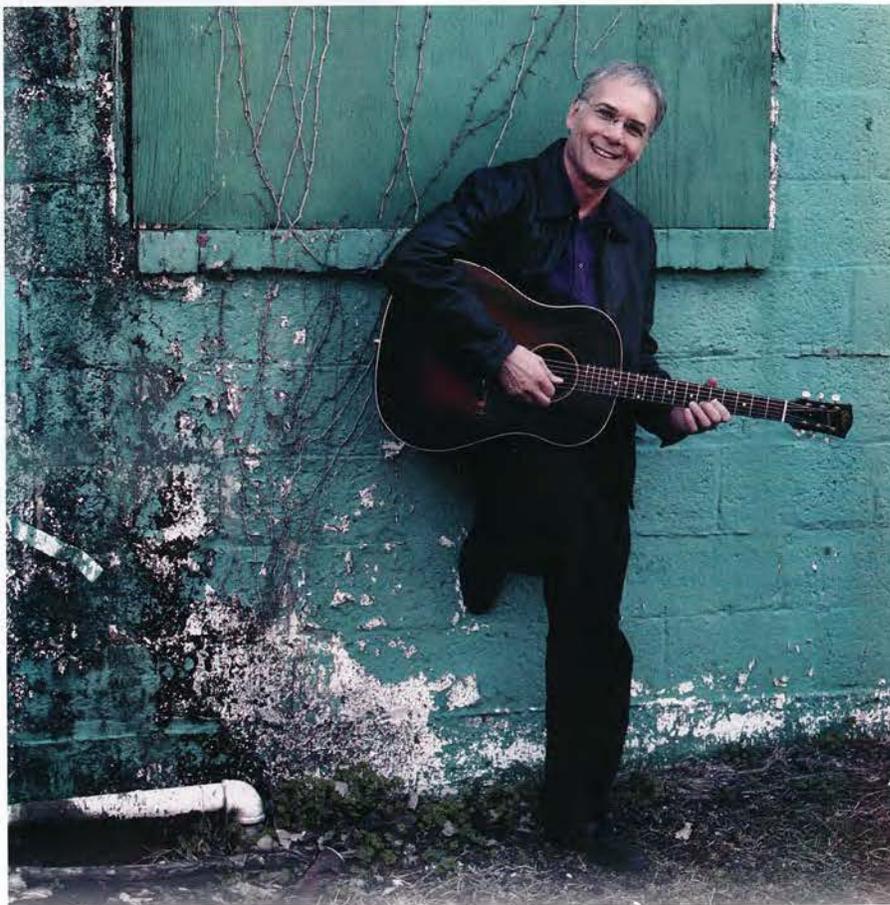
RUSS BARENBERG '72 IS BACK ON THE SCENE

FOR EVEN ACCOMPLISHED PROFESSIONAL musicians, financial uncertainty is a fact of life. Consider Russ Barenberg '72: After launching his career as a guitarist-composer while still an undergraduate, he went on to play in several notable bands, make a series of well-received recordings, and write instructional books like *How to Play Bluegrass Guitar*. But in 1986, when he moved to Nashville to pursue work as a studio musician, he found that family concerns were pushing him toward the proverbial “day job.”

“I had two young kids, and I wasn’t sure that the studio scene was right for me,” says Barenberg, “so I decided I would make money in a different way.” Saturn, the car company, was building a plant in nearby Spring Hill, Tennessee, and they were hiring training developers. “I showed them my English degree from Cornell and my guitar-instruction books,” he says, “and they hired me.”

While writing training programs for assembly-line workers, Barenberg continued to play around town. He had the good fortune, he says, to land some “cream of the crop gigs,” including sideman work with Irish singer Maura O’Connell and a trio with dobro player Jerry Douglas and bassist Edgar Meyer, with whom he recorded the CD *Skip, Hop & Wobble* in 1993. Barenberg had made three solo albums earlier in his career—the last was *Moving Pictures* on Rounder Records in 1988—but he put his solo career on the shelf while working for the car company. That changed last year.

“Things just worked out for me to make a return to music,” he says. “Making the new album was primary.” That CD, *When at Last*, was released in June by Compass Records, a Nashville label that is home to a



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host of accomplished folk, jazz, and acoustic-music artists. The album’s eleven instrumental compositions feature Barenberg’s fluid, melodic guitar and mandolin playing in settings that draw on both traditional and contemporary influences. “Traditional is just something that was contemporary in the past,” says Barenberg. “Things always evolve. Anyone who’s a musician learns from what’s been done before and is influenced by what they hear now—and what you get is what comes out.”

Barenberg began to play guitar as a

teenager growing up in suburban Philadelphia, where he learned “folk music and bluegrass and flatpicking and all those related things” and studied with guitar teacher Alan Miller. At Cornell, he met Alan’s brother, John Miller ’73, and banjo player Pete Wernick, who was working on his doctorate; they formed a band called Country Cooking that recorded two albums. Barenberg stayed with Country Cooking for two years after graduating and lived in Ithaca until 1977.

After a brief experiment with electric

In tune: After decades of strong reviews and accolades from his musical colleagues, Russ Barenberg '72 has finally quit his day job.

guitar, he moved to New York City and returned to his acoustic roots with the bluegrass group Heartland, which backed him on his 1980 solo debut, *Cowboy Calypso*. Following his relocation to Boston, Barenberg taught guitar and continued to work in a variety of settings, including the band Fiddle Fever (whose recording of "Ashokan Farewell" became the theme of Ken Burns's documentary *The Civil War*) and a bluegrass/jazz outfit called Laughing Hands. Then he packed up and headed south, to the place known as Music City.

Nashville is chock full of great players,

and even skillful musicians can find it tough to make their mark there. But Barenberg quickly earned a reputation for both his chops and his thoughtful approach. "He's a wonderful fellow," says Edgar Meyer, "and his desire to investigate multiple levels of inquiry is something that really resonates with me. For instance, Russ loved the violin so much that he spent years working on it and learned how to play a Handel sonata—not with the intention of becoming a violinist but just because it was something that interested him. And it's that type of curiosity and determination that

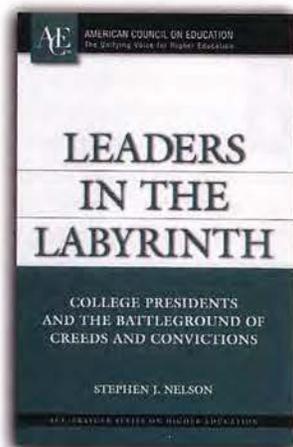
A Living Sermon

FRANK RHODES SAYS A PRESIDENT'S WORK IS NEVER DONE

In his book *Leaders in the Labyrinth* (Praeger, July 2007), Stephen Nelson examines the role of college presidents—how they set a tone for their campuses, cope with political correctness, and deal with ideological battles, among other challenges. One of his primary sources is President Emeritus Frank H. T. Rhodes, who led Cornell from 1977 to 1995. As Nelson writes:

Frank Rhodes's simple judgment is that presidents need to have at the heart of their leadership an integrated sense of the fundamental principles of the university. Such a core understanding and the clear communication of it will not inoculate presidents against criticism and complaint. Inevitably there is a diversity of reactions to any president and to the directions a president aspires to take with regard to an institution, and the consequences will include dissent, dislike, and resistance. To a large extent, presidents are on a scaffold constructed of regular and continual judgments by their constituents. However, a failure to hold fast to the fundamental values of the academy in the conduct of their office—decisions, philosophy, and choices about the use of the pulpit itself—will rebound negatively on presidents, even drawing criticism from those who might otherwise support them.

Noting the daily claims and nature of the office, Rhodes asserts, "I don't think the presidential pulpit is confined to great speeches on great occasions. I think everything, every single thing you do, is a pulpit." The relentless public visibility lends to an almost pastoral role, and to Rhodes the presidential pulpit "is a living sermon." He ticks off a bill of particulars: "The way you answer the phone, the way you greet a janitor, the way you talk to a student walking across a quad, the way you interact at an alumni reunion, the way you deal with the mayor of a city where you live or with the governor of the state in which you're situated. Every single thing you do—and the way you teach a class—is a statement, is a sermon, not because you have anything great to offer as an individual but just because of the office."





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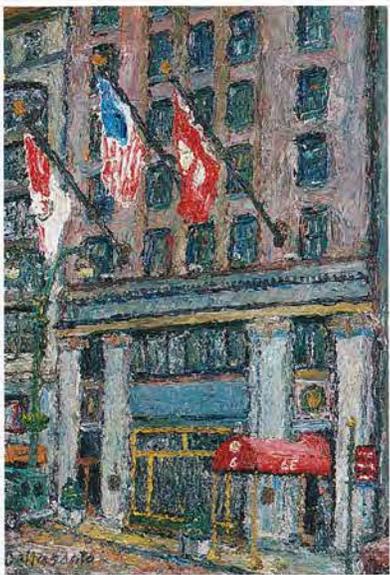
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informs his guitar playing.”

Fellow bassist Dave Pomeroy concurs, saying, “Russ is one of my all-time favorite guitarists, both to listen to and—better yet—to play with. His innovative phrasing and resonant tone really opened the door for expanding the vocabulary of the acoustic guitar.” (That “resonant tone,” Barenberg notes, is abetted by some carefully selected instruments, including Gibson J-45 guitars from the Forties as well as an inexpensive Olympia guitar that “just sounds good.”)

As both a writer and player, Barenberg keeps the focus on melody—and the crit-

ics have noticed. Jon Weisberger of the *Nashville Scene* heaped praise on *When at Last*, calling it “a sweet, satisfying collection that pushes melody, lyricism, and groove over gee-whiz licks.” Barenberg is quietly pleased by such characterizations, saying that one of the joys of being free from his day job is that he can now spend more time searching for compositional ideas. “I really do enjoy discovering melodies,” he says. “It’s like stumbling upon a jewel or a nugget of gold in the street—‘Wow! There it is.’ Writing good tunes is very satisfying.”

— Jim Roberts '71

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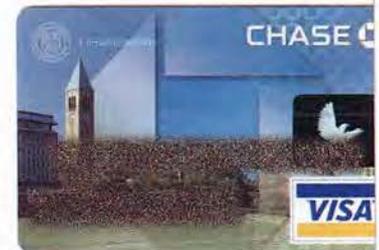
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— Mary Maxon Grainger '79, MPS '87



Full-Court Press

SLAM DUNKS AND FOULS ON THE NBA BEAT



JOHN ABBOTT

LIZ ROBBINS '92 ISN'T LIKELY TO receive a holiday card from long-time basketball coach Larry Brown. Two years ago, as the NBA beat writer for the *New York Times*, Robbins broke a big story during the playoffs: while Brown was coaching the Detroit Pistons, he was in talks with the Cleveland Cavaliers about taking a job as team president. The next morning, Brown made his displeasure known. "That girl," he announced, as he stepped off the team bus and spotted her among a gaggle of

reporters, "is an evil, evil woman."

There are many who disagree. Robbins says she has a good working relationship with "probably three-fourths of the coaches in the league." She chats about Cornell with Bryan Colangelo '87, general manager of the Toronto Raptors. She occasionally speaks Italian with Kobe Bryant (he spent much of his childhood in Italy; she studied Jewish history of the Italian Renaissance on the Hill). Former *Times* sports editor Neil Amdur, who hired her seven years ago, gushes that

All access: In her decade-plus as a professional sports journalist, Liz Robbins '92 has covered everything from tennis to car racing to the Olympics—and she has the media passes to prove it. She's currently at work on a book about the New York City Marathon.

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Robbins is "the embodiment of the modern American woman—smart, independent, motivated, athletic, committed to her craft, and, above all, a team player."

As for Brown's team, the Pistons were none to happy with Robbins's story, which began a sequence of events that eventually resulted in his ill-fated hiring by the New York Knicks (he was fired after a year). But at least the famously nomadic coach's hyperbole was a reaction to Robbins's work, rather than her gender—a far cry from her first job at Florida's *St. Petersburg Times*, where she covered sports while "dealing with high school coaches who didn't think that women should be doing what I was doing."

Although she has experienced a cou-

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ple of locker-room run-ins with misogynistic athletes—a New York Knick purposely flashing her, an Atlanta Brave telling her, "Honey, you don't belong in here"—she generally considers the women-in-sportswriting issue to be a thing of the past. Indeed, fifteen years after her start in the business, she says, "I certainly notice a difference. I think athletes generally accept that women are going to be reporters. Even the less enlightened ones are coming around."

Robbins briefly entertained thoughts of graduate school, but there was an air of inevitability to her career path. A four-sport athlete at her Philadelphia high school, she played two years of lacrosse at Cornell before opting for the *Daily Sun* over daily practices. "My coach also chose it for me," Robbins quips. "I was on the bench quite a bit." Robbins rose to assistant sports editor, then interned for a summer at the *Boston Globe*, where she was part of a team that compiled an award-winning series on racism and the

Red Sox. One of Robbins's jobs: roam around a packed Fenway Park and record how many African Americans were in attendance (she counted seventy-one). Following graduation, a scholarship from the Association for Women in Sports Media earned her a summer gig at the *Washington Post*, which led to her job in Florida. In 1994, Robbins began a five-year stint at the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, where she rose through the ranks and covered big stories like the World Series and the Olympics. In March 2000, she was hired by the *Times*, her first assignment being the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments.

Although Robbins's byline has topped stories about everything from the Indy 500 and U.S. Open tennis to the Stanley Cup finals and the Athens Olympics, the NBA has been her primary beat since October 2004. It can be exhilarating (she ranks LeBron James's forty-eight-point playoff performance last season as one of her most memorable experiences) and occasionally troubling (she covered the early days of the recent referee betting scandal, which she says "calls into question the legitimacy of the league"). And it's always exhausting. During the NBA playoffs, Robbins—who has won three in-house Publisher's Awards from the *Times*—has been known to spend fifty of sixty days on the road. "She works as hard on a 600-word story as a 6,000-word one," says colleague Joe Drape. "Liz is intensely curious about things beyond sports, and it informs her perspective. She's not going to just talk to [Phoenix Suns point guard] Steve Nash about how he runs the team. She's going to ask what book he's reading and how that influences him as an athlete."

In part because of that curiosity, Robbins has decided to write her own book—about the New York City Marathon. After covering her eleventh straight U.S. Open in early September, she took a temporary leave of absence from the *Times* to write a narrative of race day through the eyes of a half-dozen runners, from professionals to disabled athletes. "I have a lot of friends who don't like sports," says Robbins, "and I tell them, 'I don't write about sports. I write about people.'"

— Brad Herzog '90

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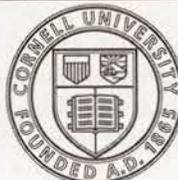
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RICH BAUM '91 WALKS ALBANY'S
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It was a tough summer for Rich Baum. In the wake of a scandal in which senior staff to New York Governor Eliot Spitzer were accused of trying to influence a State Police investigation to embarrass a political rival, Baum saw himself pilloried in the press. Although he hasn't been demoted or legally charged with any wrongdoing—and Spitzer expressed faith in him throughout the debacle—some pundits called for his resignation as the governor's chief adviser. But as this issue went to press, he was still on the job.

CAM: As the secretary to the governor, you're Eliot Spitzer's top adviser and de

facto chief of staff. Does that make you one of the most powerful guys in New York?

RB: The governor's not someone who wants to be managed, so it's not accurate to say I'm the gatekeeper; he's way too active to be sitting around waiting for me to decide who he's going to meet with. It's more collaborative, in terms of deciding what the priorities are.

CAM: What do you do on a typical day?

RB: I spend a lot of time with the governor, working through his priorities and making sure they're effectuated when he

leaves the room. I also work with the director of operations, who runs the government day-to-day. And the derivative of those two would be general strategy for how the government should be run.

CAM: Are you ever off duty?

RB: There's never a down period. It's an intense job—a lot of issues come at you quickly. It's interesting work, exciting work, but at times very challenging.

CAM: Your Blackberry gets a workout?

RB: All the time.

CAM: Any hobbies?

RB: [He laughs.] They're gone.

CAM: What do you do for fun?

RB: I spend time with my family. My wife, Terri Gerstein, and I have two boys, ages four and one.

CAM: You lived in Cornell's Telluride House, which is famous for its self-governance (and long meetings). Did that steer you toward politics?

RB: The self-governing aspect forces consideration of the democratic process. I think that leads a lot of people who live there into public service.

CAM: Was it good practice for running the state?

RB: I can't say that Telluride is the same as the New York State legislature, but it's true that the real skill is to understand the dynamic of each community and the forces at work in it.

CAM: What did you do after graduation?

RB: I went back to Orange County, where I grew up. I worked with my uncle on his farm, ran for Orange County legislature, and won. At the time, the local Democratic party was somewhat defunct and I ran with a bunch of people who wanted to give it more of a voice in county government.

CAM: You were elected minority leader at twenty-four. Is that a record?

RB: I think so. I was in the legislature for four years, and I loved it. It was interesting, exciting, contentious. I don't want to say

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bitter, but it was a pretty tough environment, a lot of tough debates and tough votes.

CAM: How did you wind up running Spitzer's 1998 campaign for attorney general?

RB: He came through Orange County looking for support, and I was on the state Democratic committee. I liked him and decided to move to New York City and work for him. At first it was me and him and one or two others. I wasn't hired as campaign manager, but that's what I became.

CAM: That turned out to be the closest race in New York State history.

RB: He won by 25,000 votes after a bitter recount and hired me as chief of staff. I was there for seven years, then left to be senior advisor to the gubernatorial campaign.

CAM: Why do you think people have become so wary of government?

RB: The process has been somewhat overtaken by special interests and that has fostered disaffection and alienation. People feel like nothing matters—however they vote, it'll be the same interests at the table. But it's not that the public is disengaged from their own issues. People's lives are too hard for them to be disengaged from health care, education, and employment. The key is to break the cycle so they see that elections result in real change.

CAM: So how do you do that?

RB: It's tough. Governor Spitzer has achieved some major victories in changing both the tone and substance of New York State government—like health insurance for every child and a historic increase in education funding.

CAM: Is it tough to be a Democrat these days?

RB: It's upsetting, because I think from a lot of Democrats' perspectives the country's being run in the wrong direction. The only heartening thing is that a lot of America seems to have woken up. Almost no one's happy with the status quo, whether it's in New York State or the nation.

— Beth Saulnier

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Adele Freedman and Tobb Dell'Oro in Iran

While on vacation in Bam, Iran, in 2003, Adele Freedman '86 and her fiancé, Tobb Dell'Oro '84, MS '85, MBA '86, were awakened by their hotel crashing down on top of them. The couple's tour guide managed to find them among the thousands buried by a massive earthquake and enlisted local residents to dig them out by hand. Dell'Oro eventually died from his injuries, but Freedman survived—and her rescue prompted a media frenzy.

In late October, a documentary about the attempt to save Dell'Oro and Freedman, as well as the earthquake's effect on the community, played at the United Nations Association Film Festival. *Bam 6.6*—named for the location and magnitude of the quake—was directed by Jahangir Golestan-Parast, an Iranian living in the United States. Rather than dwelling on the quake's devastation, Golestan-Parast saw the events as an opportunity to show the generosity of the Iranian people. "It is a portrait of my culture," he says, "and tells the story of an incredible man named Tobb Dell'Oro who wanted to travel and tell Americans how beautiful the Iranian people are."

Although Freedman resented the media's intrusiveness during her recovery, she says she agreed to appear in the film because she was so overwhelmed by the kindness of Iranians, both before and after the tragedy. "Most Americans see Iran only as part of the 'Axis of Evil' and that's just not the case," she says. "It's about a greater understanding, remembering the humanity of people." Freedman admits she has not seen the movie, which is dedicated to Dell'Oro's memory and has a planned DVD release in December. "The earthquake is still very fresh in my mind," she says. "But Tobb would have appreciated the film. He saw how attitudes changed after 9/11, and he felt he needed to combat that."

— Liz Sheldon '09

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During cool, wet summers, Cabernet Franc vines have a tendency to bear extra fruit as well as vegetation, says Standing Stone's co-owner, Marti Macinski, noting that this increases the burden on the vine to make the fruit ripe. Standing Stone's grapes came from the Canandaigua Wine Company's Valois vineyard—and Macinski attributes their success in producing this wine to superior vineyard management. "The weather made it a challenging vintage," she says. "It required significant fruit



thinning—removing grape bunches so that those remaining ripen more quickly—to meet our goal of ripe, round flavors at harvest."

Aged in American and European oak barrels for not quite ten months, this light- to medium-bodied Cabernet Franc, of which just over 300 cases were produced, is all about fruit and ready to drink. The nose offers up cherries, cranberries, and hints of wood, while the palate, possessing plenty of succulence, has enough acidity to give the flavors buoyancy. Cabernet Franc is among the most food-friendly of dry red wines, and this rendition pairs well not only with roast lamb or goose but with dishes infused with mushrooms, vegetable lasagna, and tomato-based pasta sauces.

— Dana Malley

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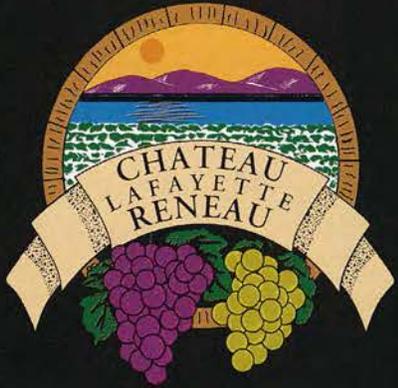
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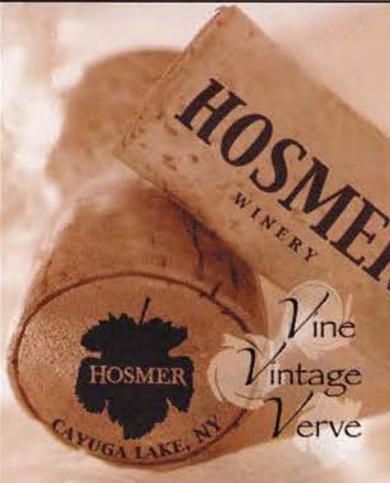
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Having Faith

Cornell's Muslim community is American and foreign-born, Shia and Sunni, traditional and modern.

Since 9/11, and with the Iraq War still raging, Muslim Cornellians are facing new challenges—and trying to balance tradition with life on a liberal American campus.

By Sharon Tregaskis



It's the Saturday of Labor Day weekend, and cotton clouds dot a bright blue sky as North Campus buzzes with activity. On the lawn in front of Helen Newman Hall, a pickup soccer match pits shirts against skins. Just out of harm's way, two string-bikini-clad undergrads work on their tans. Behind Appel Commons, a second soccer game pauses as the players stop to shout friendly obscenities by way of greeting to a late arrival.

Closer to the building, a dozen students lounge on the grass around Race to the Kabah, a children's board game. Today is the back-to-school picnic of the Muslim Educational and Cultural Association (MECA), though by now only a few empty Domino's pizza boxes and half-full bottles of soda remain. A half-dozen women and girls, several wearing the traditional headscarf known as *hijab*, kick a soccer ball around in a circle; near the tennis courts, a group of men play Frisbee.

Without instructions for the board game—a sort of hybrid of Trivial Pursuit and Candyland where players roll dice to progress toward a center square marked Kabah, the holy site toward which Muslims face as they pray—the players make up their own rules. After each toss of the dice, a player picks a card asking for the translation from Arabic of one of the myriad names of Allah. “I don't know that you have to pronounce it correctly,” argues New York City native Zubair Al Azad '09, MECA's outreach coordinator and the picnic's organizer, as the native speakers object to a question so garbled they have to ask for the spelling of the Arabic word on the card. A grad student called Muktadur crows as he draws the question, “What is the meaning of Al-Muktadur?” He responds, confident in the translation of his own name: “The powerful.” Few of the non-Arabic players perform as well, and they take the resultant ribbing good naturedly. “You're not a

Fitting in: Sabrina Imam '09 studies with other undergraduates in the A. D. White library.

good Muslim,” the native speakers tease, to plenty of laughter. Meanwhile, red spaces (“Danger! Shatan is hiding here, go back”) and purple shortcuts (“Allah guides you to a special path”) level the playing field.

Worldwide, more than one billion people practice the Islamic faith. Estimates of the American Muslim population range between 5 and 9 million, comprising immigrants, converts, and the American-born children of both groups. As that wave of hyphenated citizens comes of age, college students nationwide are grappling with what it

means to be Muslim and American in a time when their homeland wages war in the Middle East and headlines scream of violence perpetrated in the name of their faith.

At Cornell, whose nonsectarian founding tended emphatically toward Christian traditions, Muslim students have been a visible part of the interfaith mix since at least the late Sixties, when MECA got its start as a graduate student spinoff of the Arab Club. In the wake of 9/11, as students grappled with the political realities of America’s relationship to the Muslim world, the organization reconstituted itself as an undergraduate club with an emphasis on outreach and education to Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

Cornell’s Muslims hail from around the world, with roots in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Turkey, Ethiopia, Yemen, Indonesia, and Malaysia, as well as throughout the U.S. Each culture has its own traditions, yet all pray *Jumu’ah* together, including Shias and Sunnis. “There are four schools of Islamic jurisprudence, and they are a really big thing back home, but not here,” says New Delhi native Omar Afzal, PhD ’86, who notes that MECA has taken care to steer clear of events that might intensify schisms and strife. “They hardly take any position on the national issues of various Muslim nations—the Palestinian-Jewish conflict is never mentioned, or the conflict between India and Pakistan, or the conflict between secular and non-secular Turkish groups.”

This fall—in a trend mirrored at Brown, Georgetown, NYU, Princeton, and Yale—the interfaith Cornell

United Religious Work (CURW) welcomed Omer Bajwa, MS ’03, MA ’06, its first official Muslim chaplain. “A huge element is offering spiritual counsel, advice, and coaching through difficult situations,” says Bajwa, a thirty-year-old student in the Hartford Seminary’s Islamic chaplaincy training program whose part-time, interim appointment will lay the groundwork for fundraising and recruitment of a full-time chaplain. “I grew up here, went to school here; I understand the issues students face. Chaplains aren’t religious authorities or experts, per se. We’re there to help people work through these issues.”

As with the Race to the Kabah, the rules for Muslim Cornellians balancing religious observation with life on a secular American college campus are largely unwritten—and as the faith itself emphasizes personal interpretation of the Qur’an over central authority, practice varies widely. As entering freshmen, Pakistani Americans Nabeela Abid ’09 and her sister Afsha ’04 penned letters to Campus Life administrators requesting single rooms in all-female dorms to accommodate their faith. Afsha wore *hijab* and ate only vegetarian offerings in the dining halls to comply with *halal* restrictions; Nabeela, who considers herself a “moderate Muslim,” does neither. “Although I don’t wear a scarf, I pray five times a day, and when I fast I wake up at four or five in the morning,” says the applied economics and management major. “That might disturb a roommate—or she might bring boyfriends over.” The youngest of three sisters, the Staten Island native says her parents have always been flexible about her observance level, so she hasn’t felt compelled to rebel as some of her high school friends did. At the same time, she admits with a laugh, her mom sends regular text messages exhorting her daughter to remember Allah, complete with the day’s prayer times.

Biology major Sabrina Imam ’09, a native of Corpus Christi, Texas, and the daughter of

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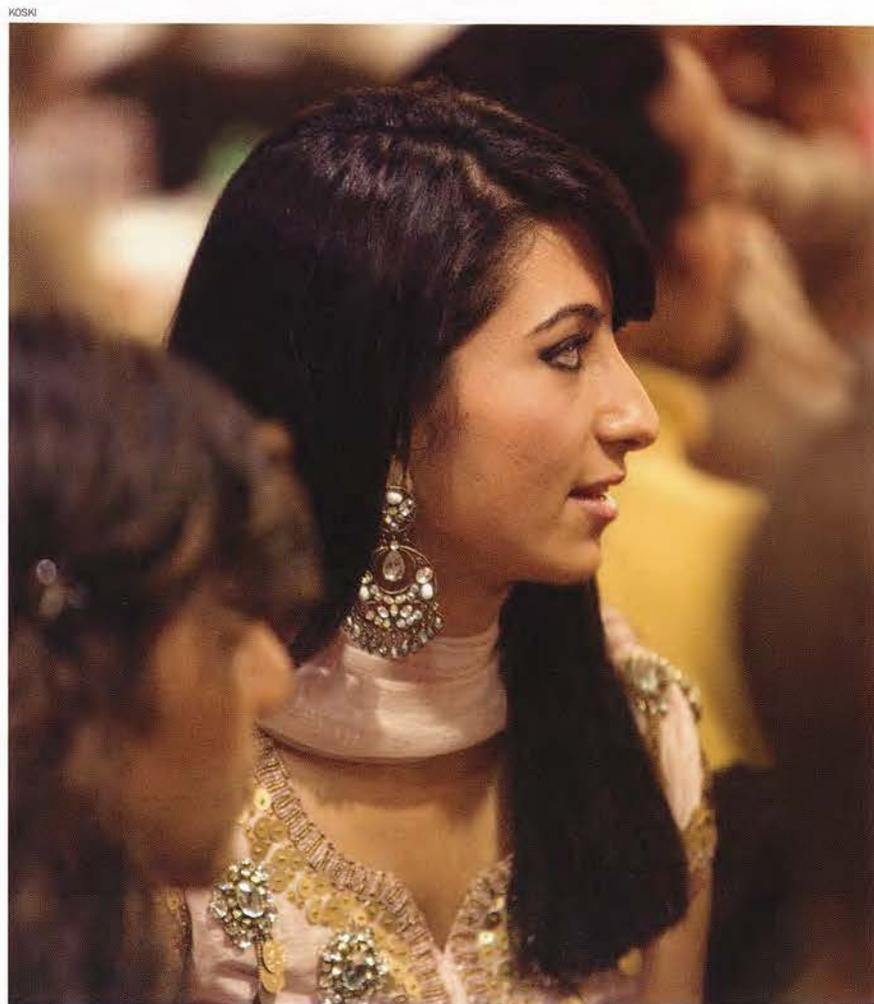
Bangladeshi immigrants, attended a Catholic high school. While her family has always identified itself as Muslim, she became more observant in ninth grade, in the wake of 9/11. "I had the opportunity to decide what I wanted to do, how I wanted to express myself religiously," says the nineteen-year-old, who became president of MECA in April. "Because there were very few Muslims in my class, a lot of people turned to me, not necessarily in an active way, but just in conversation: 'So what is Islam all about?'" Imam wasn't entirely sure, so she began reading online and talking with relatives and members of her family's mosque. At Cornell, she joined the MECA e-mail list, made a point of meeting her Muslim peers, and enrolled in courses on Islamic civilization and the Qur'an. "I wanted a more formal knowledge of Islam," says Imam, who's considering pursuing an MD-PhD after graduation.

For junior Abdul Chaballout, a transfer from UCLA and the native Arabic speaker for the West Campus Language House, being Muslim has fit comfortably with his academic and social pursuits. "I have the ability to pray when I want to, and professors and TAs who understand that," he says. "I don't have to engage in anything that I believe is wrong, whether it's dining halls providing alternatives to pork, or friends understanding that no means no to a drink." Even so, his classes have occasionally conflicted with *Jumu'ah*, the Friday midday congregational prayer required of all Muslim men. This fall, he has been skipping his Friday afternoon nutrition class, instead listening to recorded lectures and reviewing the PowerPoint slides the professor posts online. But last year Chaballout had a class he couldn't skip and missed services for a whole semester. "It's really a loss not being able to participate in *Jumu'ah*, but I don't believe in boycotting a course," he says. "We believe that God is forgiving, so if we can't pray at that one moment because of extenuating circumstances, such as a class that you need to take to graduate, then God will forgive you if you postpone your prayer a little bit."

By the time Omar Afzal arrived on campus in August 1973, the nascent MECA had dissolved in the wake of the Pakistan-Bangladesh conflict. Without a local mosque or an active Muslim community in Ithaca, he had a hard time finding enough men to constitute a congregation of five, the minimum required to hold *Jumu'ah*, so he prayed alone. Then one day in Egan's grocery store in Collegetown, while reading labels to find foods consistent with *halal* regulations, he heard the Muslim greeting *Salaam Alaikum*; the voice belonged to a Turkish grad student in engineering. "He knew a lot of Turks and used to pray five times a day, like me," says Afzal, now retired from his job as a Southeast Asia assistant in the Cornell libraries and still living in Ithaca. "We decided we would pray together as much as we can."

At first, the pair alternated between Afzal's Collegetown apartment and a storage room provided by the Turkish student's adviser, eventually connecting with Pakistani and Bangladeshi men. By the mid-Seventies, the group was large enough to approach the Reverend Jack Lewis, then director of CURW, to request use of a space in Anabel Taylor Hall free of religious iconography. Afzal bought a freezer and often slaughtered animals himself to provide *halal* meat for Muslims on and off campus. To celebrate the end of the fasting month of Ramadan, the group hosted an annual Eid banquet. "We didn't have any kind of formal membership," recalls Afzal.

Celebration: To mark the end of Ramadan in October, Ridda Hasnain '08 and Cornellians from across campus donned festive garb for an Eid banquet in the Statler Ballroom.



"Whenever we needed money, we announced it and people donated whatever they could."

Today, MECA's e-mail list has about 400 members and a faculty adviser; when classes are in session, *Jumu'ah* attendance approaches 300. Last year's Eid banquet filled the Willard Straight Hall Memorial Room with men, women, and children from around the world, including Muslim faculty, staff, and students, as well as dozens of non-Muslim guests. Other events include the back-to-school picnic, an interfaith fast-a-thon charity fundraiser associated with the month of Ramadan, visiting speakers, and volunteer events with Cornell's Hillel and other faith groups on campus.

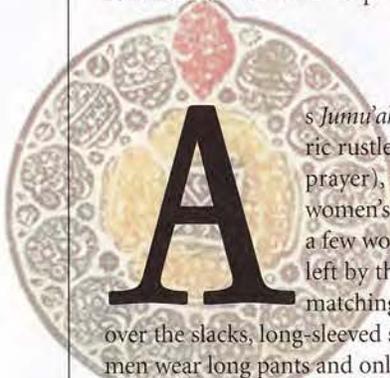
Every spring, Near Eastern studies co-sponsors MECA's Islam Awareness Week, a series of lectures, film screenings, and panel discussions on such topics as Islamic law, culture, and art, the status of women, and human rights.

Chicago native Aneesa Mitchell '06, who during her senior year served as MECA's first female president, says wearing the *hijab* made her a go-to person on campus for questions about the faith and the war in the Middle East. And while people often assumed that she was a foreign student—greeting her in Arabic and once even in Hindi—she rarely felt unsafe, as she did in Chicago in the hours after 9/11. "When the planes hit I was on the highway," says the African American paralegal. "People were pulling over and crying, and other people were pulling alongside my car, honking and pointing at me. I was an obvious target—here's one of those people who did this to us."

In August, David Horowitz, author of *Indoctrination U.: The Left's War Against Academic Freedom*, announced plans for a national conservative protest

known as Islamofascism Awareness Week, to confront the two "big lies of the political left": that George Bush created the war on terror and that global warming is a greater threat than terrorism. The Friday after Horowitz's announcement, following *Jumu'ah*, a member of the Cornell congregation called upon his fellow Muslims to begin formulating a response. "This is a test, to see how we're going to respond to this kind of garbage," he said. "This should not go unanswered." Imam, the MECA president, feels conflicted on that point. She and former president Shaan Rizvi '07 have often contacted the *Daily Sun* when they believe it has printed misinformation on Islam. When it comes to fringe groups, though, it's a tough call. "We generally don't respond to purposefully derogatory statements, because we feel that if people are just trying to make you upset, there's no point in indulging them." Even so, she says, "it's important to make sure, on the record, that we continue to have an atmosphere on campus where everyone is respected."

'The Qur'an,' argues Barazangi, 'is the root of democratic feminism in its broadest sense, a creative view of egalitarian active participation in the community's decision-making process.'



As *Jumu'ah* begins, it's cool and quiet in Anabel Taylor's One World Room. Fabric rustles as supplicants stand and kneel to offer two *raka'at* (repetitions of prayer), and a child whispers. Behind the folding screen that shields the women's red, white, and blue prayer rug from the men's section at the front, a few women have positioned themselves to see the speaker through the gaps left by the hinges. One grad student tugs a voluminous lavender skirt and matching waist-length headscarf from her backpack and pulls the ensemble over the slacks, long-sleeved shirt, and black *hijab* she's worn the rest of the day on campus. The men wear long pants and only a few sport short sleeves.

The last strains of a chimes concert float through the open window at the back of the room, along with the barest breeze; an Egyptian postdoc at Cornell's Institute for Genomic Diversity stands to deliver the *khutba*—a sermon toggling between English and the recitation of verses from the Qur'an in Arabic—on practicing Islam at Cornell. "You are Muslim, and the knowledge you have comes from Allah," he admonishes the congregation. "Here within your Muslim brothers you should be humbler. We have different backgrounds, yet we mix without background, without prejudice. What unites us is Islam."

Imam, whose mosque in Corpus Christi welcomed a similarly diverse congregation, sees the

sharpest distinction as one of practice, not heritage. “Whereas there isn’t a lot of tension based on nationality, I think there is a lot of tension based on level of observance,” she says. “It’s not vocal, but it is palpable.” When she decided to run for MECA president last year, she worried about how she’d be perceived. “I had that apprehension of ‘Will I be taken seriously because I don’t wear *hijab* or because I’m a girl?’”

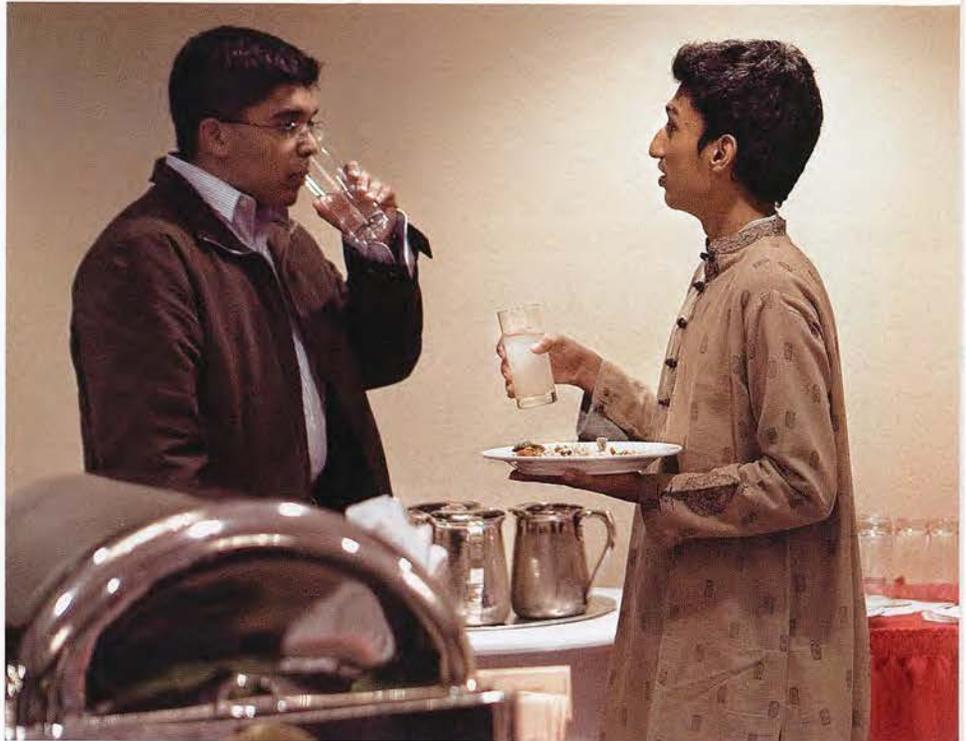
Nimat Hafez Barazangi, PhD ’88, author of *Woman’s Identity and the Qur’an* and a research fellow in feminist, gender, and sexuality studies, has spent much of the last two decades delving into the gender dynamics of Muslim practice and the foundations of such traditions in the Qur’an. “The Qur’an,” she argues, “is the root of democratic feminism in its broadest sense, a creative view of egalitarian active participation in the community’s decision-making process.” The subjugation of women throughout much of the Muslim world is due not to a thorough reading of the Qur’an or the writing of the Prophet Muhammad, she says, but patriarchal interpretations handed down over centuries.

In the early Nineties, conservative graduate students from Yemen, Algeria, and Saudi Arabia and their wives lobbied for the screen at the back of the One World Room that separates the men’s and women’s spaces during *Jumu’ah*. Barazangi, then MECA’s adviser and a CURW board member, had grave reservations about the shifting role of women in the community symbolized by the installation of the screen. She no longer attends services; she and her husband, professor of geological sciences Muawia Barazangi, pray at home or in their offices on campus. Today the screen remains a fixture, and while the prayer rug itself extends beyond the width of the screen, women rarely step from behind it. “Part of the problem the students face is ignorance not only on the part of the non-Muslims but sometimes of themselves as Muslims,” says Barazangi, a native of Syria who was invited by the United Nations to consult on the status of women in Iraq’s draft constitution. “They don’t understand Islam in totality; they often practice it just as a religious ritual, and these rituals are set in stone as they were practiced by their ethnic community or whatever nationality they come from. They don’t attempt to understand each other’s perspective or where they come from.”

Near Eastern studies professor Shawkat Toorawa, who served as adviser to MECA from 2002 to 2006 and now lives with his wife and two daughters in Mews Hall as a faculty family in residence, sees the fault line separating Muslims on campus as a question of where an individual came of age. Most of Cornell’s Muslim graduate students and faculty grew up in nations where Islam is the dominant faith, while most undergraduates are American-born. “Their experience is quite different and they often can’t talk to each other,” says the scholar of Arabic literature, noting that the temptation to export the old-world experience to Anabel Taylor can be powerful. “The reality is that we’re here, so the experience of most people has to be that of being in the minority.”

Muslim undergraduates say that, for the most part, they’ve found Cornell welcoming and accommodating. It’s the world off campus that can make integrating their Muslim and American sides more challenging. This summer, on his way home from visiting extended family in Syria with his mother, sister, and brother, Chaballout waited several hours as a U.S. customs agent at JFK read each of the 300 text messages on his cell phone. “Is it because my name is Abdul?” he wonders, noting his American citizenship. Such occasions make it harder to balance his identification as both Muslim and American. “Are we as Americans going to alienate the American Muslim population or accommodate them?” he asks. “That’s the overarching question.” ●

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Breaking their fast: Farhan Quasem '11 (left) and Rizwanur Rob '11 at the 2007 Eid banquet

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The Sweet Life

By Beth Saulnier

With a new cookbook, expanded locations, and a bakery that goes through 1.5 million pounds of cream cheese a year, third-generation restaurateur Alan Rosen '91 is New York's king of cheesecake

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for Alan Rosen '91, it all started with the doilies.

As a boy growing up in the family that owned one of Brooklyn's most famous restaurants, Rosen had the task of separating the lacey papers that went under each cake from the in-house bakery. His small fingers made him perfect for the job. "When I was a kid—and I'm talking four or five years old—if I wanted to see my dad, I went to work with him," recalls the Hotel school grad. "He'd knock on my door at 4:30 in the morning and I'd get dressed. I've known some of the people I'm working with today for twenty-five, thirty years."

Rosen is sitting in a semi-circular booth at Junior's, the diner his grandfather opened at the corner of Flatbush and DeKalb on Election Day 1950. It's a Friday afternoon in August, but even during the lull between lunch and dinner the place is doing a steady business of tourists and locals. The walls are adorned with Brooklyn memorabilia (the bridge and the Dodgers are amply represented), and each table sports complimentary bowls of cole slaw, pickles, and pickled beets; Rosen himself is tucking into a tuna sandwich as thick as the Brooklyn phone book. And everywhere, there is cheesecake—not just the plain kind but cheesecake adorned with strawberries and streusel topping, cheesecake slathered with chocolate chips and chocolate mousse, mini-cheesecakes you could eat in three bites and mountainous ones that, under the frosting, are half carrot cake too. "It's creamy, it's smooth, it's rich, it's sweet—but it's not too sweet," Rosen says of Junior's signature confection. "It's just the right balance of what cheesecake is supposed to be. It's inspirational."

Rosen may have been eating Junior's cheesecake his entire life, but he's in no way blasé about its charms; when the time comes for dessert, he sings the praises of every bite (the plain is his favorite). It's a good thing, because although Junior's has some 200 items of what he calls "kosher-style comfort food" on its menu, cheesecake is its bread and butter. When Rosen took over the restaurant's reins fifteen years ago, Junior's was still mainly a Brooklyn phenomenon. Now, between its mail-order business and its four New York locations—the original as well as two in Grand Central Station and one just off Times Square—Junior's serves up some 10 million slices of cheesecake a year, using 1.5 million pounds of cream cheese and 2.2 million eggs. In October, Taunton Press published *Junior's Cheesecake Cookbook*, the first comprehensive peek into how the restaurant makes what's routinely called the finest example of New York-style cheesecake. The book, by Rosen and food writer Beth Allen, offers fifty recipes as well as tips for avoiding common pitfalls, from soggy crusts to cracked tops. When Rosen plugged it during one of his regular appearances on the QVC home-shopping channel, he sold more

Original New York Cheesecake

4 pkgs. (8 oz. each) full-fat cream cheese, room temp.

1 $\frac{2}{3}$ c. sugar

$\frac{1}{4}$ c. cornstarch

1 tbs. pure vanilla extract

2 extra-large eggs

$\frac{3}{4}$ c. heavy or whipping cream

1. Follow directions for Sponge Cake Crust (page 53).
2. Put one pkg. cream cheese, $\frac{1}{3}$ c. sugar, and cornstarch in large bowl and beat with electric mixer on low until creamy, about 3 mins., scraping down bowl several times. Blend in remaining cream cheese, scraping down bowl after each pkg.
3. Increase mixer to medium and beat in remaining sugar, then vanilla. Blend in eggs, beating well after each one. Beat in cream just until completely blended. Be careful not to overmix! Gently spoon batter over crust.
4. Place the cake in a large shallow pan containing hot water that comes about 1 inch up sides of springform. Bake at 350° until edges are light golden brown and top is slightly golden tan, about 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours. Remove cheesecake from water bath, transfer to wire rack, and let cool for 2 hours (don't move it). Leave cake in pan, cover loosely with plastic wrap, and refrigerate until completely cold, overnight or at least 4 hours.
5. To serve, remove sides of springform, leaving cake on bottom of pan. Place on a cake plate. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Slice cold cake with sharp straight-edge knife. Cover any leftover cake and refrigerate or wrap and freeze for up to 1 month.

than 4,500 copies in ten minutes.

Junior's has been featured on QVC since 1995; it sells some 150,000 cheesecakes a year through the channel, with Rosen regularly hiking out to its Pennsylvania studios and donning chef's whites to promote his desserts. He has also appeared on the Food Network's "Throwdown with Bobby Flay"—a sort of foodie version of "Punk'd" in which unsuspecting chefs think they're hosting their own show, only to be challenged on-camera to an impromptu cook-off. (Flay, who has ample time to prepare, nearly always wins; indeed, his caramel apple cheesecake narrowly defeated Rosen's devil's food version.) "Alan is getting bigger and bigger," says Giuseppe Pezzotti '84, MS Hotel '96, a senior lecturer in food and beverage management at Cornell. He's referring to Rosen's professional success rather than any dessert-fueled girth; Rosen is reasonably trim for someone who spends his professional life surrounded by such temptations as Candy Bar Explosion Cheesecake. "He'll do well, whether he decides to keep expanding or stay where he is. He's already demonstrated that he can do almost anything he wants."

as Rosen savors his slice of cheesecake, he keeps an eye on the bustling dining room, occasionally calling an employee over and handing out tickets to the Cyclones, Brooklyn's minor league baseball team. When he notices that a waiter's collar is loose,

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Rosen makes a subtle gesture telling him to button it; when a busboy mops the floor too close to where people are eating, he calls a manager over and quietly tells him to instruct the young man to wait until the table clears. They're small acts of managerial diplomacy—but not necessarily common ones in an industry made famous on reality TV for its big egos and Vesuvian tirades. "I've seen Alan interacting with his employees, and he talks to them like friends more

Pumpkin Swirl Cheesecake

4 pkgs. (8 oz. each) full-fat cream cheese, room temp.
1½ c. sugar
¼ c. cornstarch
1 tbs. pure vanilla extract
2 extra-large eggs
¾ c. heavy or whipping cream
1 c. canned pumpkin purée
1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice, plus more for sprinkling

1. Follow directions for Sponge Cake Crust (page 51).

2. Put one pkg. cream cheese, ½ c. sugar, and cornstarch in large bowl. Beat with electric mixer on low until creamy, about 3 mins., scraping bowl down several times. Blend in remaining cream cheese, one pkg. at a time, scraping down bowl after each. Increase mixer to medium and beat in remaining sugar, then vanilla. Blend in eggs, beating well after each. Beat in cream just until completely blended. Be careful not to overmix!

3. Remove 1½ c. batter and set aside. On low, blend pumpkin and 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice into remaining batter. Gently spoon pumpkin batter on top of crust. Drop white batter in teaspoonfuls on top of pumpkin batter, pushing it down slightly as you go. Using a thin, pointed knife, cut through batter a few times in a "figure 8" design, just until white swirls appear.

4. Place cake in large shallow pan containing hot water that comes about 1 inch up sides of springform. Bake at 350° until edges are light golden brown and top has golden and tan swirls, about 1¼ hours. Remove cheesecake from water bath, transfer to wire rack, and let cool for 2 hours (don't move it). Leave cake in pan, cover loosely with plastic wrap, and refrigerate until completely cold, overnight or at least 4 hours.

5. Remove sides of springform, leaving cake on bottom of pan. Place on a cake plate. Pipe whipped cream rosettes around top edge of cake. Lightly sprinkle cream rosettes with pumpkin pie spice. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Slice cold cake with a sharp straight-edge knife. Cover any leftover cake and refrigerate, or wrap and freeze for up to 1 month.



than people who report to him," Pezzotti says. "He's just great, as a person and also as a professional."

Rosen lives in Harrison, New York, with his wife and three children, commuting to the city in a chauffeured Escalade that he calls his major indulgence; with his BlackBerry and cell phone, the car is a mobile office that allows him to work while traveling from one Junior's outlet to another. His main office is located over the Brooklyn restaurant, a building that burned to the ground in 1981 and was faithfully rebuilt the following year. In the business's nearly six-decade history, it has accumulated its share of lore and celebrity sightings. Politicians have been regular fixtures; New York Mayor Abe Beame was said to run the city

from a corner table. During the 1992 presidential campaign, Bill Clinton stopped by for a pastrami on rye, cheese blintzes, cheesecake—and a Diet Coke. When the Braves were playing the Yankees in the 1996 World Series, then-Mayor Rudy Giuliani wagered his Atlanta counterpart a Junior's cheesecake that the Bronx Bombers would win. (They did, but he sent the cheesecake anyway.) And when O. J. Simpson judge Lance Ito complained about a lawyer's impenetrable Brooklyn accent, Junior's sent him a cake reading, "Brooklyn to Ito: Bite Me." "This isn't just a restaurant," Rosen says. "It's got a soul to it. I mean, a restaurant that's been here fifty-seven years can't be just a restaurant. It's like a family member—you could call it my dad's fourth child."

When Rosen arrived at the Hotel school in the late Eighties, he was the first in his family to go to college; chef-instructor Robert

Chocolate Mousse Cheesecake

For cheesecake:

3 pkgs. (8 oz. each) full-fat cream cheese, room temp.
1½ c. sugar
3 tbs. cornstarch
1 tbs. pure vanilla extract
2 extra-large eggs
⅔ c. heavy or whipping cream

For topping:

1 recipe Chocolate Ganache (below)
1 c. mini chocolate chips

For chocolate mousse:

1 tbs. unflavored granulated gelatin
2 tbs. cold water
8 oz. bittersweet or semisweet chocolate
3 c. heavy or whipping cream
3 tbs. sugar
1 tbs. pure vanilla extract

1. Preheat oven to 350°. Generously butter bottom and sides of 9-inch springform pan. Wrap outside with aluminum foil, covering bottom and extending all the way up the sides.
2. Put one pkg. cream cheese, ⅓ c. sugar, and cornstarch in large bowl. Beat with electric mixer on low until creamy, about 3 mins., scraping down bowl several times. Blend in remaining cream cheese, one pkg. at a time, scraping down bowl after each. Increase mixer to medium and beat in remaining sugar, then vanilla. Blend in eggs, beating well after each. Beat in cream just until completely blended. Be careful not to overmix! Gently spoon batter into prepared pan.
3. Place cake in large shallow pan containing hot water that comes about 1 inch up sides of springform. Bake until edges are light golden brown and top of cake is slightly golden tan, about 1¼ hours. Remove cake from water bath, transfer to wire rack, and let cool for 2 hours (don't move it). Leave cake in pan, cover loosely with plastic wrap, and refrigerate until set, about 4 hours.
4. Meanwhile, make chocolate mousse. Place gelatin in heatproof measuring cup, stir in cold water, and let stand until thickened. Cook in microwave on high for about 30 secs. or over a pan of simmering water for about 1 min., until completely melted. Set aside to cool. Melt chocolate and let cool.
5. In large bowl, whip cream with mixer on high until soft peaks form. While mixer is running, add sugar and vanilla. Blend in cooled melted chocolate until white streaks disappear and cream begins to form peaks. Beat in dissolved gelatin all at once. Do not overbeat. Stop when stiff peaks form. Refrigerate.
6. Remove cake from refrigerator, leaving in pan. Spoon mousse on top and spread out to edges with metal spatula. Cover with plastic wrap. Freeze cake until mousse is firm and completely cold, overnight or at least 4 hours.
7. To decorate, make chocolate ganache and place in freezer until chilled and thickened, about 15 mins. Remove cake from freezer and let stand at room temp. about 5 mins. Remove sides of springform, leaving cake on bottom of pan. Place on a cake plate that can go into the freezer. Warm a metal icing spatula under hot running water and dry on paper towels.
8. Frost top of cake with ganache, smoothing out with spatula. With small spoon, make drips of ganache on sides. Sprinkle chocolate chips in 2-inch border around top edge of cake and mound a few in the center. Return to freezer (don't cover) until ganache is set, about another hour. Keep in freezer until 2 hours before serving, then transfer to refrigerator to thaw. Slice with sharp straight-edge knife. Cover leftover cake and refrigerate. Do not refreeze.

Chocolate Ganache

8 oz. bittersweet chocolate, coarsely chopped
1 c. cold heavy or whipping cream
1 tsp. pure vanilla extract

1. Combine chocolate and cream in medium saucepan and stir over medium-low heat until chocolate melts and mixture begins to bubble around sides. Quickly whisk mixture until it comes together in a smooth sauce.
2. Remove from heat and whisk in vanilla. Pour into heatproof bowl that can go into freezer. Chill ganache in freezer just until it thickens, about 15 mins. Use immediately.



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White still marvels at the number of meals (around 330) that Rosen and his classmates served when they hosted a diner-themed night at the Statler. “He’s a happy-go-lucky guy, but he’s very focused and a very hard worker,” White says. “Everyone knows how passionate he is about the food he serves.” On a recent trip to Manhattan, White and Pezzotti decided to have a little fun with their former student. While staying at the nearby Marriot Marquis, they had dinner at Junior’s in Times Square—and demanded to speak to the owner about the awful food. Rosen came out, prepared to deal with a pair of irate customers. “The minute he locked eyes with us, his face broke into this wide smile,” White says, noting that Rosen sent him back to Ithaca with armloads of pastrami and corned beef, and got annoyed when he wouldn’t also accept a free cheese-cake. “Alan is the definition of hospitality.”



Sponge Cake Crust

<i>For one 9-inch crust:</i>	$\frac{1}{3}$ c. sugar
$\frac{1}{3}$ c. sifted cake flour	1 tsp. pure vanilla extract
$\frac{3}{4}$ tsp. baking powder	2 drops pure lemon extract
Pinch salt	2 tbs. unsalted butter, melted
2 extra-large eggs, separated	$\frac{1}{4}$ tsp. cream of tartar

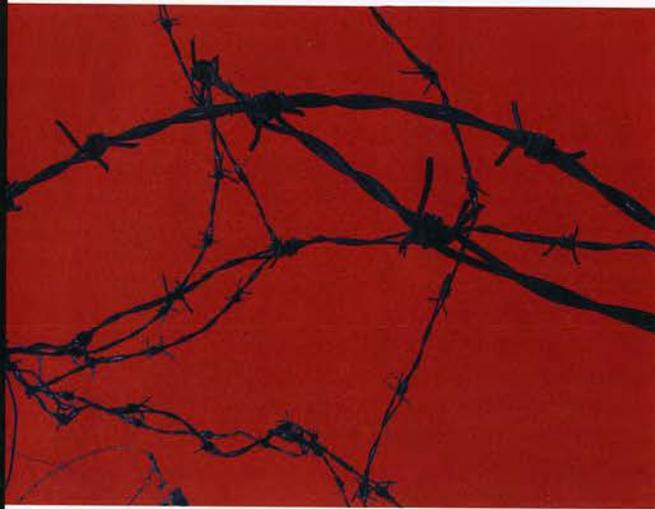
1. Preheat oven to 350° and generously butter bottom and sides of 9-inch springform pan (preferably nonstick). Wrap outside with aluminum foil, covering bottom and extending all the way up the sides.
2. In a small bowl, sift flour, baking powder, and salt together.
3. Beat egg yolks in large bowl with electric mixer on high for 3 mins. With mixer running, slowly add 2 tbs. sugar and beat until thick light yellow ribbons form, about 5 minutes more. Beat in extracts.
4. Sift flour mixture over batter and stir in by hand, just until no more white flecks appear. Blend in melted butter.
5. Wash mixing bowl and beaters well. Put egg whites and cream of tartar into bowl and beat on high until frothy. Gradually add remaining sugar and continue beating until stiff peaks form (whites will stand up and look glossy). Fold about one-third of whites into batter, then remaining whites.
6. Gently spread batter over bottom of pan, and bake just until set and golden (not wet or sticky), about 10 mins. Touch crust gently in center. If it springs back, it’s done. Watch carefully and don’t let top brown. Leave crust in pan and place on wire rack to cool. Leave oven on while you prepare batter.

**THE LAW SCHOOL'S ASYLUM
CLINIC HELPS DEPORTEES WHO
FACE TORTURE AND DEATH IN
THEIR NATIVE COUNTRIES**

LEGAL AID

BY BETH SAULNIER





From the outside, the Lackawanna County Prison looks like a medieval castle sprouting out of a middle school. It has a turreted stone tower—part of the original 1890s building—but the bulk of the long, low facility is made up of institutional-looking tan panels, with occasional splashes of brown brickwork and bright red trim around the windows and doors. In the lobby, the rows of plastic chairs recall an airport departure lounge—except for the bulletproof glass around the reception desk, and the metal detectors, and the lockboxes where visiting law enforcement officers stow their guns before entering the cellblocks.

Law professor Sital Kalantry '94 is here on a Friday in September, clad in a pantsuit, two students in tow. On the two-hour drive from Ithaca to northeastern Pennsylvania, she and third-year JD student Lisa Newstrom had described their case to Gauri Subramaniam, a master of law candidate newly arrived from India. Their client, a forty-seven-year-old man named Emmanuel who suffers from heart problems and high blood pressure, desperately wants to avoid being sent back to his native Haiti, where he'll likely be thrown into prison simply for being a deportee. "Conditions have been compared to slave ships," Newstrom had said, glancing at Subramaniam in the rear-view mirror as she navigated Interstate 81. "There's not enough room to lie down. The food is just thrown in, and only the strong survive. It's not just possible that he's going to suffer and die in there—it's absolutely inevitable."

Kalantry runs Cornell's Asylum and Convention Against Torture Appellate Law Clinic, which provides *pro bono* representation for immigrants claiming that deportation to their native countries will subject them to persecution, torture, rape—and even death. Founded in 2003 and held each spring, the for-credit clinic has taken on twenty cases involving immigrants with a wide



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Prof. Sital Kalantry '94

variety of backgrounds: a former Ugandan child soldier; a Dominican man who feared retaliation for testifying against drug dealers; a woman who was raped and saw her family murdered during the Somalian civil war; a Brazilian who had battled police corruption back home. “These are life-changing situations,” says Professor Stephen Yale-Loehr ’77, JD ’81, who co-teaches the clinic with Kalantry. “If we win, the person will be able to stay in the United States; if we lose, they’ll be deported and could be killed in their home country. We try to get the students to know their clients and sympathize with them—but also realize that as lawyers, there’s only so much they can do.”

The asylum clinic is highly sought-after by law students; it takes on four cases each spring, with two students assigned to each. Their success rate for appeals, Kalantry says, is about 50 percent—well above the rate for deportation cases in general, in which the immigrant is granted asylum just 7 percent of the time if he has no legal representation, and 35 percent if he does. “To actually be writing a brief for a client is much different from doing a simulation exer-

cise—it’s real,” says Matt Faiella, JD ’05, who worked on the case of a Mexican man who feared police persecution for his association with the Zapatista rebels (which, he claimed, amounted to giving them a ride in his car). “I felt that his safety was in our hands. Doing a good job wasn’t just about a grade.”

The experience inspired Faiella, who worked as a staff attorney for a federal appellate court in Atlanta after law school, to take his present job with the New York Civil Liberties Union. And though third-year student Kristen Echemendia has signed on with a Manhattan corporate firm, her successful efforts to aid a client who’d been tortured during the Guatemalan civil war made her determined to do *pro bono* immigration work as well. “Professor Kalantry and Professor Yale-Loehr allowed us to take on so much responsibility,” says Echemendia, who is especially sympathetic to asylum seekers because her parents emigrated from Cuba. “I was interviewing my client, drafting affidavits, doing research on country conditions. It was certainly the most rewarding experience I had during law school, and it’s one I’m going to carry with me throughout my career.”

Most of the time, the student lawyers interact with their clients only by phone or letter; the September immigration hearing is a rare opportunity for an in-person meeting. Because

Emmanuel's asylum request was denied by the Board of Immigration Appeals, Kalantry has transferred his case to the Law school's fall-semester International Human Rights Clinic for presentation to the Federal Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit; law student Newstrom has been working with him since he was represented by the asylum clinic last spring.

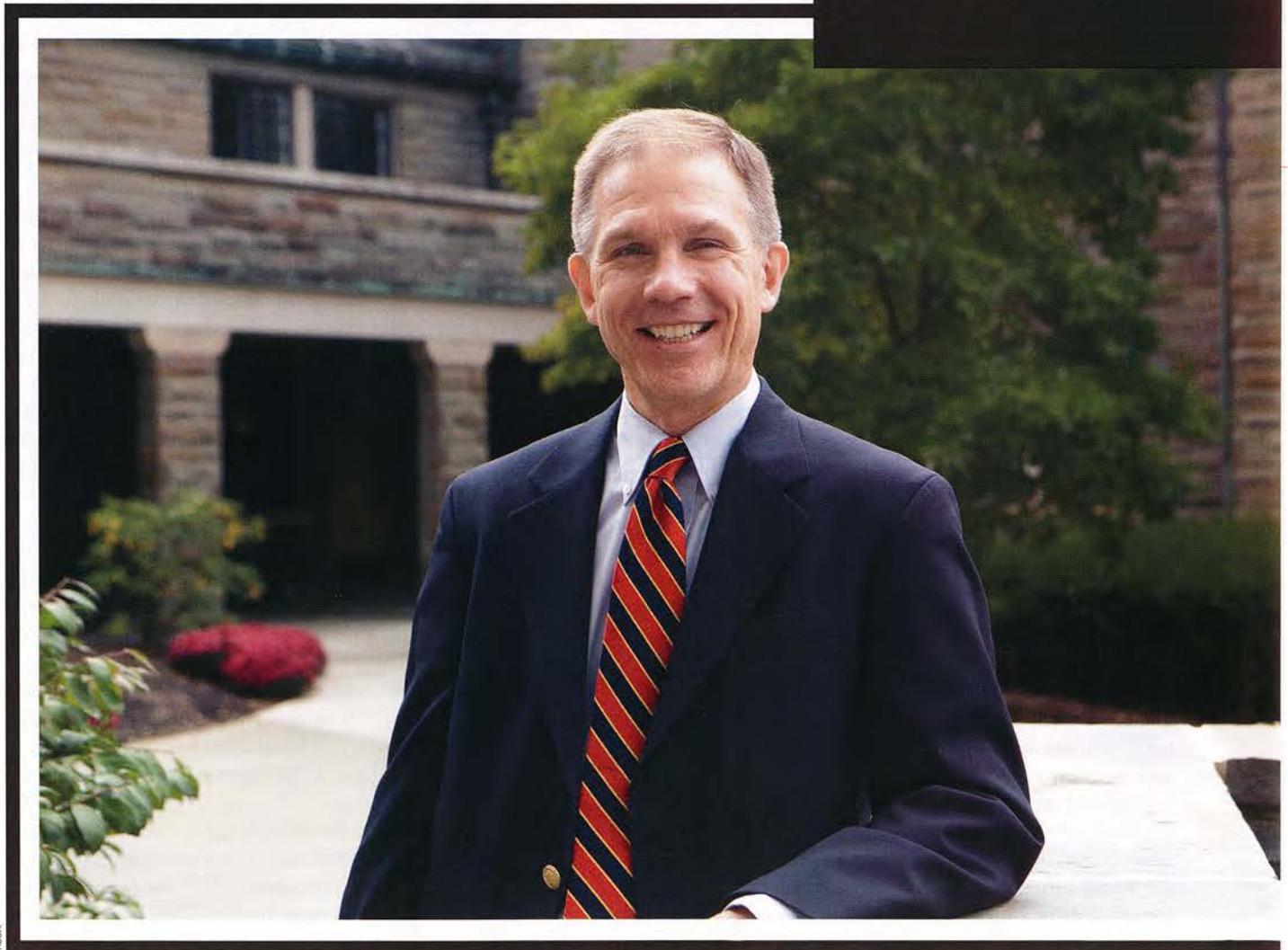
After a brief wait, Kalantry and the students are waved through the metal detector—purses and cell phones had to be left in the car—and through two heavy metal doors, which can be opened only by guards at the front desk. Their goal: to help Emmanuel convince two immigration officers that, after nearly two years in detention, he deserves to be freed pending his appeal.

Also present is a man named Antonio, a member of Emmanuel's evangelical church on Long Island; he has taken the day off from work as a hospital orderly, put on a black pinstripe suit, and driven from New York to speak on Emmanuel's behalf.

The prisoner comes in, clad in a khaki uniform. The room is constructed of cinderblocks, but since it's sometimes used for family visits, one wall is incongruously lined with brightly colored toys. There's a bathroom behind the table where the officers sit; the broken toilet is running so loudly it's hard to hear the proceedings.

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Prof. Stephen Yale-Loehr '77, JD '81



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Prompted by the immigration officers, Emmanuel explains his history: how he came to the U.S. in 1981, overstaying a tourist visa.

He got involved with drugs and the wrong crowd, eventually serving five years for attempted robbery—a charge that stemmed from trying to evade a cab fare from Brooklyn to Queens. Although he was doing well after his release—he had a series of jobs for Target and Kmart—the sudden death of his common-law wife sent him back to drugs, and

after his latest prison stint the U.S. government sought to deport him. He'd been held in detention since two days before Christmas 2005, staying in various facilities and once being moved as far as Louisiana on his way back to Haiti before the deportation order was stayed. While previously incarcerated, he'd taken GED classes and studied art and building maintenance; lately, he has dedicated himself to Bible study.

"I learn from my mistakes," he tells the officers. "I'm not getting younger, I'm getting older. I take responsibility for what I have done wrong in the past." They ask him a series of tough questions, leading up to the toughest: since he violated U.S. immigration law by overstaying his original visa, how can they trust him to not to run if he loses his appeal? "I would definitely turn myself in," he says. "If you let me out, I can earn money, so if I have to go home I can buy my own plane ticket. But if you give me one more chance to make everything right, I'll do my best to stay away from bad things. I've been hiding for twenty-seven years, and that's not a right way to live."

Toward the end of the hearing, the officers ask logistical questions about Emmanuel's potential release: If he's freed in Scranton, who'll pay for his bus ticket back to Queens? Can Antonio pick him up? Would someone deposit funds in his prison account? The tenor of the conversation gives Kalantry and her students hope that has them buzzing all the way back to Ithaca—but when the decision comes down a few weeks later, Emmanuel's freedom proves to be dependent on him posting a \$14,000 bond. As Kalantry notes in an e-mail: "This is close to impossible, of course."

The news is disappointing—but those who work in the asylum field have heard far more troubling stories. Take the case of Liana, a woman now in her late forties who asked that her real name be withheld; she came to the asylum clinic in spring 2006, appealing deportation to her native Liberia. The stark facts of her background are laid out in the clinic's written summary: "Uniformed soldiers first sexually assaulted (gang-raped) the client when she was between the ages of five and six. She suffered a similar assault during the same time period by another group of uniformed soldiers. The client suffered a third sexual assault after her family relocated to Sierra Leone. During this incident, the client

was raped in her home by her uncle, a police officer. Further, while in Sierra Leone, the client was forced to undergo female genital mutilation in which she underwent a complete clitorrectomy and the stitching together of certain portions of her external genitalia." As a result, the summary notes, "she continues to suffer immense physical and psychological pain to this day including continuing chronic pelvic pain, depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, panic attacks, physical scarring, painful (if not impossible) sexual intercourse, recurring nightmares and flashbacks, and feelings of fear and shame."

In a phone interview from Detroit, where she's now living, Liana declines to discuss the details of her childhood in Liberia; the memories prompt a gush of tears. But she talks at length about the offenses that prompted the deportation order, two check-forgery convictions for which she served a total of three and a half years in prison. "I trusted the wrong people, because I was naïve," she says, attributing her relatively long term of incarceration to public defenders who convinced her to plead guilty. Although she'd been a legal immigrant with a green card, her criminal record spurred the deportation. "The people from Cornell were really sympathetic, because I went through hell," says Liana. "I don't know anybody in Liberia. If I had gone back, I wouldn't have made it, because if you come to the States and tell what happened, you're stoned, you're ridiculed, you're an outcast. My family name alone, because my dad was from a certain tribe, would create problems for me."

But even after winning her case, Liana says, "it hasn't been easy." She has lost several jobs when employers found out about her forgery convictions, and though she's been working as a loan processor for a mortgage company, she has no benefits and little contact with her family. "I'm not a troublemaker," she says. "I'm not trying get in trouble with the law. I'm just trying to live."

Liana spent six months behind bars before being granted asylum; Emmanuel may soon celebrate his third Christmas in detention, as his case waits to be heard by the Third Circuit. Such situations are increasingly common, Yale-Loehr says, due both to post-9/11 fears about terrorism and a general anti-immigration fervor. "People want a crackdown on the border," he says. "They want more people to be detained. We've got 12 million undocumented immigrants in the United States and some Americans think we should round them all up and detain them." In response to public sentiment, he says, Congress has appropriated more money for detention facilities—and increased the number of minor crimes that can get people expelled from the country. "If you or I shoplifted, we'd go to jail and that would be it," he says. "If an immigrant shoplifts a ten-dollar dress, not only will they have to serve time in jail, but they could be deported—even if they're in the United States legally and have had a green card for twenty-five years."

In choosing their clients, Yale-Loehr says, the clinic tends to favor people who didn't have legal representation in their original cases. Kalantry notes that because it's an appellate clinic, its lawyers are limited to facts already on the record that can be the subject of an appeal—so not having had adequate counsel in the first place makes the cases doubly challenging. "Many people don't realize that, unlike in criminal cases, there's no constitutional right to counsel in immigration proceedings," says Yale-Loehr. "But too often in our immigration system, the most complex cases involve the people who can least afford a lawyer." ●





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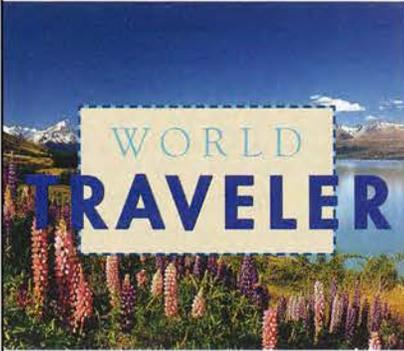


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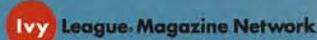
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The Entrepreneurial Spirit

Program sparks opportunity by bringing alumni together

By Chuck Schilke, JD '88

Entrepreneurship@Cornell (E@C), Cornell's university-wide entrepreneurship program, is distinctive in that it serves both as an on-campus student academic program and a nationwide venue for alumni involvement. Founded in 1992, E@C is governed by the nine deans of the participating colleges, involves more than sixty faculty and staff affiliates, and receives input and support from a forty-member advisory council. In 2001, E@C created the Cornell Entrepreneur Network (CEN; cen.cornell.edu), its alumni affiliate, which produces more than fifty entrepreneurship events each year in eight cities around the country. Cornell Silicon Valley (CSV; csv.cornell.edu) is a similar program that focuses on the technology sector in Northern California. More than 7,000 students enrolled in E@C-affiliated courses during the 2006–07 academic year, and several thousand alumni attended regional CEN and CSV programs.

E@C makes a special contribution to fostering relationships among the alumni of all participating schools. At Cornell any person can study any subject, so the range of knowledge and skills among Big Red alumni is great. Thus, much of the University's long-term potential value to alumni lies in its capacity to introduce alums to others in complementary fields outside their on-campus majors, who can be valuable in later life and career, and who can provide a kind of personal continuing education. E@C does exactly this, uniting

Cornell alums from different undergraduate colleges and with graduate and professional alumni. This enriches the experience of undergraduate alumni, and brings graduate and professional alumni into the central Cornell alumni community—allowing the full panoply of technology, management, marketing, financial, legal, policy, and other skills and contacts to combine in new ways to address cutting-edge entrepreneurial challenges. In the networking sessions before and after the world-class entrepreneurial speakers at regional CEN events, the diversity of skills among alums, and the resulting exchange of information, produces conversations of the highest creative pitch.

E@C has recently created a splendid new Big Red tradition, the Entrepreneurship@Cornell Celebration, which intensifies the exchange of Big Red entrepreneurial ideas. Held in Ithaca in early April, with some 200 alumni attending in 2007, the celebration showcases the entrepreneurial imagination of Cornellians at its best. The alumni Entrepreneur of the Year gives an address and is recognized at a banquet at the Statler, where top student entrepreneurs are

also honored. Panels feature alums from technology, energy and environment, health care, hospitality, real estate, venture capital, private equity, hedge funds, and more. Current Cornell students join alumni for the programs, exhibit their own entrepreneurial projects, and even have the opportunity to approach alums about funding their startups or working for a company that needs smart young talent.

Several academic programs are even starting to use the Entrepreneurship@Cornell Celebration as a recruitment tool for prospective students, inviting

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Kevin McGovern '70, CEO of McGovern Capital, receives the 2007 Entrepreneur of the Year award from President Skorton.

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CC/Rochester, November 19—Cornell-Penn luncheon, the Inn on Broadway. Contact Tom Cummings '75, tom@cummingscreative.com.

CC/Rochester, November 26—Phonathon, WXXI-TV studio. Contact Karen Bronson Clark, MPS '89, kjblark@juno.com.

CWC/Cortland County, November 27—"Write Me a Story, Grandpa" by Bernie Potter '43. Contact Bernice Potter-Masler '82, 607/756-5010.

CWC/Syracuse, December 10—Holiday gathering and cookie exchange. Contact Barbara Richardson '54, erichardson3@twcny.rr.com.

CC/Rochester, December 15—Holiday basket project. Contact Ross Lanzafame '77, MPS '79, rlanzafame@hselaw.com.

CAA/Ithaca Area, January 4—Men's hockey with CALS Alumni, Lynah Rink. Contact Tracey Austin '85, tracey.austin@verizonwireless.com.

CAA/Central New York, January 10—CAAAN Reception for Cornell applicants, Bellevue Heights United Methodist Church, Syracuse. Contact Jim Miller '69, 315/422-4818, jgm27@cornell.edu.

CC/Greater Capital District, January 11—Cornell men's hockey at RPI. Contact Bob Lynk '54, DMV '61, 518/439-3948.

CC/Rochester, January 12—Founder's Day luncheon. Contact Gilbert Chan '95, gac2@cornell.edu.

CC/Greater Capital District, January 12—Men's hockey at Union College. Contact Dave Jennings '77, MS '84, dij8@cornell.edu, 518/393-0905.

CWC/Cortland County, January 15—"Sharing Music Across Generations." Contact Kathy Fox '68, 607/756-6436.

Metro New York

CAA/Westchester, November 15—Phonathon, Hackley School, Tarrytown. Contact Jim Irish '74, caawjim74@aol.com, 914/428-7340.

CC/New York, November 20—Breakfast Club networking event, the Cornell Club. Contact Kerry Strassel, 212/692-1381.

Big Red Hockey, November 24—Cornell vs. Boston University, Madison Square Garden. Contact Donna Carl, dc37@cornell.edu, 607/255-3517.

Class of '79, November 24—Fiftieth Birthday Party. Contact Nancy Sverdlik '79, nsverdlik@dtcc.com, 212/689-4012.

CC/Fairfield County, November 28—Knitting group, fourth Wednesday of every month. Contact Carrie Makover '60, cwm23@cornell.edu, 203/259-5482.

CC/Long Island, December 2—Big Red Bear Hug party to collect bears for hospitalized children, home of Lucy and David Neiderbach. Contact Sue Collins '89, 631/351-1774.

CC/New York, December 13—Breakfast Club networking event, the Cornell Club. Contact Kerry Strassel, 212/692-1381.

CAA/Westchester, December 14—Second Friday lunch club, Valhalla Crossing Restaurant, Valhalla Metro North station. Contact John Murray '43, JD '48, rujomurr@aol.com.

CC/Fairfield County, December 26—Knitting Group, fourth Wednesday of every month. Contact Carrie Makover '60, cwm23@cornell.edu, 203/259-5482.

CAA/Princeton, January 5—Cornell Cares Day, Trenton Food Pantry. Contact Susan Todes Perl '75, 609/275-4774.

CC/New York, January 5—Cornell Cares Day. Contact Jessica Raha '99, jrs24@cornell.edu, 212/986-7202.

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CC/Boston, November 29—Ivy-Plus Pub Night. Contact Dawn Moodie, dmoodie@harvardclub.com, 617/450-8463.

CC/Boston, December 6—Cornell Professional Network event, "Structured Credit: What It Is and Why It Matters." Contact Jens Kullmann '99, jkullmann@cornellclub.org.

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CC/Cape Cod, December 13—Holiday party. Contact Art Gast '56, a.f.gast@adelphia.net.

Northeast Regional Office, January 8—Alumnae dinner, Papa Razzi, Wellesley, Massachusetts. Contact Alexis Riedl '00, ar48@cornell.edu, 617/557-4168.

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CC/Greater Philadelphia, November 17—Cornell football at Penn. Contact Bill Totten '73, william.totten@agedwards.com.

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CC/Central Virginia, December 11—Club lunch, second Tuesday of each month, Byram's Lobster House, Richmond. Contact Bob Warwick, MBA '72, JD '73, raw29@cornell.edu.

CC/Washington, December 14—Holiday party. Contact Steve Piekarec '74, spiekare@verizon.net.

CC/Central Virginia, January 6—Cornell men's basketball vs. Duke. Contact Gary Thompson '81, gthompson@hunton.com.

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CC/Eastern Florida, November 16—Outdoor Weekend near Vero Beach. Contact Charles Hunt '68, clh38@cornell.edu, 561/967-4770.

CC/Greater Jacksonville, December 9—President's holiday party, home of Ken Mason '55, JD '60. Contact Ken Mason, kbmason2@bellsouth.net, 904/273-8100.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, December 13—Monthly meeting and luncheon, Wes Finer on "How We Stole a Soviet Satellite Design," Michael's on East. Contact Maddi Dallas '58, 941/379-9465.

CAA/Atlanta, January 6—Big Red vs. Duke televised game. Contact Tyler Tatum '97, jtt2@cornell.edu, or Robert Mandelbaum '81, robert.mandelbaum@pkfc.com, 404/842-1150 x223.

CC/Sarasota-Manatee, January 10—Scholarship luncheon honoring President Emeritus Frank Rhodes and Rosa Rhodes. Contact Maddi Dallas '58, 941/379-9465.

CAA/Atlanta, January 13—Members-only post-holiday brunch and silent auction, Chequers Seafood Grill, Atlanta. Contact Liz Heitner '06, lizheitner@gmail.com, 404/941-9571.

Midwest

CC/St. Louis, November 14—Annual luncheon, Maggiano's. Contact Wendy Sponaugle '98, w_sponaugle@precisionfoods.com, 314/952-9624.

Southwest Mountain

CC/New Mexico, November 16—Informal lunch, third Friday of each month, Mario's, Albuquerque. Contact Paul Stubbe '51, pestubbe@aol.com, 505/797-7838.

CAA/Greater Houston, December 4—Holiday party and CAAGH annual meeting, the Tasting Room. Contact Tim Nestler '03, JD '06, tn44@cornell.edu.

CC/New Mexico, December 14—Informal lunch, second Friday of each month, Maria's, Santa Fe. Contact Ed Maglisceau '60, edmag@prodigy.net, 505/466-1120.

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them to attend the event and see firsthand the vitality of Cornell's student and alumni network. By attracting students from all over the world, from a range of social and economic backgrounds, and with a wide spectrum of intellectual and professional interests, the University ensures that students with creative entrepreneurial ideas readily encounter each other on campus. Increasingly E@C is sparking a "virtuous cycle": it helps Cornell attract entrepreneurial applicants, provides them with the finest education, and introduces them to fellow alumni from across the University after graduation.

What could be a better twenty-first-century update of the land-grant mission? Were he alive today, that greatest of tinkers, Ezra Cornell, would doubtless cast a craggy smile upon the Entrepreneurship@Cornell Program—and walk off with the Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

Rhodes Alumni Service Award Winners Honored

During Homecoming Weekend, six devoted Cornellians were honored as recipients of the 2007 Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. Named in honor of Cornell's ninth president, this prestigious award recognizes alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary service to their alma mater through long-term volunteer activities within the broad spectrum of Cornell's alumni organizations. It is the highest honor bestowed upon alumni for service to the University.

Honorees are selected from candidates proposed by fellow Cornellians. Typically, they have been involved with alumni activities since graduation, and

this year's recipients are no exception. Rolf Frantz '66, ME '67, president of the Cornell Alumni Federation, said of the 2007 honorees, "It's inspiring to read about the many and varied commitments that Rhodes Award recipients have made to Cornell. I'm also impressed by their modesty; they did what they did out of love for our alma mater, not because they were looking for any special recognition."

The 2007 awardees are: Michael Chiu '66 (Los Altos, California), Glenn Dallas '58 (Sarasota, Florida), Robert Goldfarb '64 (Farmington, Connecticut), Barbara Hirsch Kaplan '59 (Gladwyne, Pennsylvania), Grace Richardson, MS '62 (New York City), and W. Barlow Ware '47 (Ithaca).

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CC/New Mexico, December 21—Informal lunch, third Friday of each month, Mario's, Albuquerque. Contact Paul Stubbe '51, pestubbe@aol.com, 505/797-7838.

CAA/Greater Houston, January 5—Cornell Cares Day. Contact Dave Martin '94, dcm1@cornell.edu.

CC/New Mexico, January 11—Informal lunch, second Friday of each month, Maria's, Santa Fe. Contact Ed Maglisceau '60, edmag@prodigy.net, 505/466-1120.

Western

CC/Arizona, December 8—Holiday party, Scottsdale. Contact Chris Evans '81, evanscje@earthlink.net.

CC/Arizona, December 11—Board of directors meeting, Merrill Lynch Offices, Scottsdale. Contact David Calvino '94, corvicio@aol.com.

CC/Arizona, January 8—Board of directors meeting, Merrill Lynch Offices, Scottsdale. Contact David Calvino '94, corvicio@aol.com.

International

School of Hotel Administration, November 16—Annual chapter meeting, Steigenberger Spa Hotel, Merano, Italy. Contact Christophe Bergen '76, christophe@hba.it, +39/0365-72399.

CC/London, November 23—Thanksgiving dinner. Contact Natalie Teich '65, nmt4@cornell.edu.

CC/Switzerland, November 24—Thanksgiving dinner, Basel. Contact Bernie MacCabe '75, bernard@maccabe.ch, +41/58-286-8327.

School of Hotel Administration, December 1—American holiday dinner, Japan. Contact Noriko Konuma, hisyog@greenhouse.co.jp.



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39 It seems unreal to be writing a column to be printed for November on this golden August day. By then, I shall be fully settled into my 90th year, and full of reminiscences to bore the grandchildren.

Take 1935, my freshman year, one of the few girls to go to Cornell from Niagara Falls, a whole world away. My roommate, **Marjorie Bergman** Douglass, was only 16 and full of the enthusiasm of a 14-year-old. Her favorite expression of delight was to jump as high as she could on her bed, hoping to touch the ceiling in our Sage dorm room. The bed squeaked and groaned and twanged while I looked on, bemused. Or she would tuck her white rat (lifted from Bio 101) into her blouse and giggle while it scurried around inside, tickling her as it tried to get out. Margie was a new experience for me.

And what about the day **Ruth Cagner** Morton piled her desk chair on top of her dresser facing away from the mirror and climbed up so she could cut the back of her hair! Then there was the great day when **Gladys Frankle** got a package from her mother, and the whole corridor gathered round to watch in hysterics while Gladys stripped and tried to wiggle into a contraption with stays and long laces and dangling garters known as a corset—a hint from her mother. Or the day Mrs. Conger, the head resident, demonstrated how proper young ladies sat down on a chair. It involved backing up to the chair as if it didn't exist until the back of one's knees touched the chair seat, and then, ever so elegantly lowering oneself to the chair seat, back straight as a ramrod, smoothing one's skirt over the knees, crossing feet at the ankles and then looking around with a pleasant smile. (I can hear the hoots of disbelief from today's coeds.)

And what about the joys of winter? No such thing as proper 21st century clothing then (thermal underwear and jeans). We wore leather shoes, laced up to the calf, with wool stockings, skirts or snowsuits (daring) and heavy scarves and hats. Weren't we a joyous bunch as we hauled ourselves up the steps to the top of the toboggan slide, settled six of us on a sled, and swooshed down the slide and across Beebe Lake at (we were told) 60 miles an hour. Glorious, especially at night. And then piling into the adjoining hut for hot chocolate and donuts, while we toasted our toes before a huge roaring fire. We had only a week between terms, so nobody went home. We tobogganed and skated and snowballed for a solid week, and the weather always cooperated. I can still see little Prof. Freddy Smith in his big fur hat skating sedately around the lake with his arms folded behind his back.

Can we forget the diabolical fire alarms at midnight, when we had to haul ourselves out a second-story window onto a skimpy snowy iron fire escape, while decked in heavy pajamas, robes, and fuzzy slippers and our hair in curlers (yes, curlers!), shivering, furious, and annoyed at the delighted men who gathered down below to enjoy the sight?

These are some of the memories that make me laugh today. Cornell was challenging, hard work, absolutely beautiful, and, especially, fun. What do you remember? We'd love to hear! ♦
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40 Happy holiday greetings to all, as I write this on a HOT August day—my usual comment about the long lead time! I haven't received any new news about summer—or even spring—activities, but I'm always hopeful some will come. The next News and Dues letter should be in your mailboxes before this arrives, so perhaps the New Year will bring some. I hope so!

Larry Cook, MEd '51, keeps busy with his lawn and garden and, although his travel is now limited, he and his wife have participated in 12 domestic and five international Elderhostels. I'm sure he enjoyed them all. I know the few I've been on have been great trips with interesting fellow travelers and staff. **Janet Greenwood** Cooper keeps busy with a book club, Tai Chi, and a church handwork group that provides quilts and knitted items to the Visiting Nurses and other such groups.

A light-hearted letter from **Ed Wardwell** bemoaned his problems with his computer, especially chasing the cursor around the screen—with which I relate only too well. I also reported that 2006 brought the arrival of a great-grandson named Eddie for him, which, he added, made three boys, “all better looking than their great-grandfather!” **Jean Raynor** Mase keeps busy with bridge, crossword puzzles, and concerts and plays at the U. of Rhode Island, and also serves as treasurer for several local activities. She reported on a lovely fall trip last year in Vermont's Green Mountains that was enhanced by the first snowfall of the year.

We have other travelers among our classmates, too, although **Margaret Tammen** “Tammie” Perry said her Caribbean cruise last winter was going to be her last—“Too much trouble!” A common comment these days, especially where air travel is involved. **Larry Gardner** travels to North Carolina and Ohio to visit his daughter and his son, including his great-grandson in Ohio.

Blessed event: When President David Skorton greeted the Dalai Lama during his visit to campus in October, he presented him with a white silk scarf, which the Tibetan Buddhist leader blessed.



LINDSAY FRANCE / IUP



That's the news for now. Again, Happy Holidays to all—and make your New Year's resolution to send some news for this column! ♦ **Ellen Ford**, 300 Westminster Canterbury Dr., #416, Winchester, VA 22603.

41 It's a gorgeous summer day as I write, but I'll say Happy Holidays to all anyway, to cover everything from Thanksgiving to New Year's. **Mickey Bernstein** Liberman celebrated a 65th wedding anniversary with husband Saul on June 22, 2006. They are living in a Hyatt Classic Residence for seniors in Teaneck, NJ, and vicariously enjoy the lives and careers of their children—Donald (Yale '66), an attorney; Jim (UVA '69), in investments; and Bob (Yale '73), a doctor—and nine grandchildren: an editor at the *New York Times* magazine, the house counsel at Moody's, a microbiologist at CalTech, a child development and education specialist at U. of Vermont, a student at Harvard Law School, one just starting Mt. Sinai med school, and the rest still in school and colleges, plus two great-grandchildren. Physical limitations on

happy memories. Per Janet, Corinne's older sister **Mary Hickox Mandels '39**, PhD '47, would have more details. Her address is 106 Everett St., Natick, MA 01760. Peace. ♦ **Shirley Richards** Sargent Darmer, 20 Haddington Lane, Delmar, NY 12054; email, kid12054@aol.com.

In my previous column, I reported that a recent package of classmate letters sent to me by the Alumni Office went missing in the US Mail. As a consequence, I didn't have much to report. I'm happy to say that, since that time, the errant letters showed up, so we're back in business!

Jim and Suzanne Jameson Van Arsdale '46, BS HE '45, Castile, NY, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last year. And after they returned home from their usual winter in Jamaica, they attended her 60th and his 66th Reunion. **John and Ruth Baker Bellows '42**, recently of Walnut Creek, CA, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary last December. As of last spring, the two were looking forward to a visit to Kenya. **Paul and Judith Schweid**, Santa Barbara, CA, are "enjoying retirement."

'A beautiful day, and the Crescent was full.'

PETER MILLER '44

travel exist for Mickey and Saul after 50 years of annual trips around the globe. But what a talented group of offspring you and Saul have! Thank you for sharing the diversity of abilities and vocations.

Mickey's letter reminded me of a fascinating book written by classmate **Ruth Szold** Ginzberg, *Children and Other Strangers*, which I reviewed as your correspondent in the early 1990s. The theme of the book, namely, the choices for women who came of age in the 1940s, resonate for us today. As Ruth said, "The socially prescribed path of domesticity" was the main choice, even though many of us had 'careers' later on. I encourage all of you to share your choices, domestic or otherwise, and whether our world today is a better one for our daughters. Ruth was in the Army in WWII and later worked at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center. She was the mother of three children and died in 1995.

Barbara Schnapp Eisen has lived in Gainesville, FL, for almost six years in a beautiful retirement complex. It is close to her younger daughter and family and she manages a trip to her other daughter's family in San Francisco at least yearly. Daughter **Joni Eisen '68** keeps her up to date on all the changes since her last visit. Barbara, I, too, find my yearbook invaluable and enjoyed looking you up!

As I was completing this column, I received an e-mail from **Janet Elwin** Starr '46 concerning forwarding a letter to classmate **Jean Palmer** Gerlach from **Corinne Hickox** Vaughan '42. Janet had noticed the mention of this in the July/August edition and wrote the sad news that Corinne, who had grown up next door to her, had died at the end of May. Hopefully, Jean, her letter to you in March reestablished communication and brought

Norma and **Morton Beer**, MD '44, continue to be well, spending winters in Florida and summers in Morristown, NJ. He says that he has now cut his golf back to twice a week. **Lawrence Ashton Hough**, Cocoa Beach, FL, lost his wife Betty last March. Ashton thereupon entered the hospital with a stroke, and after a six-week stay in a rehab center, is finally home again. We hope he'll soon realize his hope of getting back to sailing his boat. We learned from the daughter of **H. Seymour Fowler**, who earned his PhD from the Ag college in 1951, that he died this past winter. **Bill Flickinger** reports that he and his wife Virginia are still living in a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) in Cary, NC. They enjoy the North Carolina Symphony in a fine new town symphony hall. Bill no longer plays golf, but substitutes the CCRC exercise classes to keep in shape.

Finally, I am delighted to announce the wedding, no less, of one of our class members! Remember that attractive, charming lady, Lee Kuiken, that **Dick Davis** brought to our last reunion? They were married March 1, 2007. I called Dick and congratulated the new couple—for myself and also for the class. We certainly wish them the best of everything! They spend summers in Vermont (the night I called in mid-August, the temperature was expected to go down to 40 degrees) and the rest of the year in Arizona. ♦ **Warner Lansing**, 6065 Verde Trl. S., Apt. G310, Boca Raton, FL 33433; tel., (561) 487-2008; e-mail, wlansing@bellsouth.net.

42 **Don Walsemann**, BS '47 (Scottsdale, AZ) kindly sent me a wonderful CD with 104 pictures of Reunion. I was so grateful to see

pictures of everyone at all the lovely meals, events, and dances—all having such a good time. I truly thank you, Don. He also wrote of the passing of his roommate **Robert Spickerman** of Middleburgh, NY. Bob, who served in the South Pacific in WWII, was a retired postmaster and active in civic affairs and religious functions. **Tom Flanagan** (Norwich, NY) wrote of the passing of **Robert Tarr Edmunds**, also of Norwich. "Bob, a Chem E, was on the ski team and in ROTC. His grandfather was one of the famous Geology professors at Cornell, Ralph Tarr. Bob and I grew very close in the last few years. After his wife died we played a lot of golf. He was a veteran of the Army Corps of Engineers, spending most of his time in Alaska. He will be missed by this community where he was extremely active."

John Laird (Little Silver, NJ) is presently chairman of the Laird & Co. Distillery. He fondly remembers the Chi Phi fraternity life at Cornell and being president of the Rugby Club. He's presently working at "staying alive" and wishes he were on a Caribbean cruise. **Donald Parmelee** (Paducah, KY) has paid his annual class dues and enjoys reading the alumni magazine. **Ruth Simes** Morgan (crmorg3813733@aol.com; Bonita Springs, FL) is anxious to hear from **Jean Pardee** Cole. Ruth's golf continues and she sent a lovely photo. She's looking great.

Bill and Betty Webster (Little Rock, AR) celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary at a big dinner party featuring Glenn Miller music. Bill remembered that I used to sell wicker furniture and sent an interesting article on its background and also a nice photo of the happy couple. **Betsy Fagan** Moore (Essex, CT) is well and happy and enjoying a new great-grandson. **Andre Capi '44**, MD '46 (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) is proud of his wife Sherrill, who was honored by the Symphony of the Americas for all her generous sponsorship of the symphony's endeavors to enrich the lives of all through the "wonderful power of music." I'll always remember Andy because he wrote in *Sports Illustrated* magazine about my being a member of the Cornell men's diving team for a short period—until Princeton said they had no locker space for me at their meet, the first of the season.

Ed Markham (Bainbridge Island, WA) is a retired horticulturist, but keeps busy maintaining the senior center's vegetable gardens as well as his own, where he gets great crops. He donates to the Helpline and freezes and cans also. He attends the Pacific Northwest Ballet, horticulture meetings, and trade shows. He's been doing over his garage, where he found many goods to donate. Woodworking and hiking are his hobbies. He remembers most fondly the Sage Choir, Prof. Ralph Curtis's field trips, and Botany Prof. Petty's Saturday night discussions at Willard Straight. **Lucile Heise** Borst (Leesburg, FL) claims to be a retired housewife—that sounds great! She is busy with water aerobics and line-dancing. And doctor visits? She enjoys many lifecare community voluntary activities, as well as playing golf, driving her car, and traveling. She remembers the pleasure of being president of Alpha Phi, fencing, painting and art classes, and twice being the president of the Dance Club. She'll always remember

Bart Bartholomew '41 and would love to hear from **Jean Fenton Potter**.

Joe Kandiko (Appleton, WI) sent scenic photos of the great Christmas he spent in Washington State with his son **Bob '76**, visiting Mt. Baker, Table Mountain, San Juan Islands, and North Cascades National Park. He boasts six grandkids, all into interesting occupations or in college. He enjoyed Reunion. **Harold '47** and **Rita Koenig Tepperman** (San Antonio, AZ) remember the beauty of the Cornell campus and its surroundings. They are grieving the loss of their younger son Ellis, a brilliant scholar, who died of cancer, and they have moved to be near their older son Mark and his family. Rita would like to hear from good friends **Irma Moses Reiner, PhD '46** (Urbana, IL) and **C. Frances Cohen Bierman** (Pleasantville, NY). **Sam Baron** (shbaron@email.unc.edu; Chapel Hill, NC) visited St. Petersburg, Russia, to participate in the commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of the historical figure C. V. Plekhanov, about whom Sam wrote a splendid biography published in Japanese, Spanish, and Russian editions.

Thanks for all your many letters. If you didn't make it in this time, there's always the next issue. Do keep in touch and write me of your life's journey. We've all had an interesting one to relate. ♦ **Carolyn Evans Finneran**, carolynfinn@comcast.net.

43 **Caroline Norfleet Church** of Lenox, MA, writes: "I went over last week to Saratoga Springs—for the NYC Ballet, not the horses—and discovered a stunning memorial to the late **Pete Wait**. It's a huge sundial. The circle of Roman numerals carved in stone sits in the middle of the entrance and the gnomon is about ten feet tall. [I had to look up "gnomon," which, as you collitch grads already knew, turns out to be the projecting piece on a sundial that shows the time by the position of its shadow.] Pouring rain that day; no shadow. I had to depend on our Quartz Age wristwatches, but could read the dedication carved in the circle. Hope you all can see it sometime." I forwarded Caroline's note to **Jane Adams Wait** and son **Charles '73**, who replied that his daughter, "fourth-generation Cornellian **Alexandra Dallas Wait '10**, prefers to go by Sascha, the nickname given her by a Russian professor who mistakenly thought her name was Alexander (masc.), for which the diminutive is Sascha—and Sascha it stays."

With deep sadness, we report the death of **Kitty Miller**, longtime wife and literary-agent-partner of **Knox Burger**. Their most recent launch: *Stalin's Ghost* by Martin Cruz Smith. Shortly before her death, we had visited them and met Knox's aide, whom he calls his "minder" and describes thus: "About 50, Polish, with a sometimes impenetrable, sometimes just funny accent, and—prior to her encounter with a sophisticated fella like me—thought FDR was the North's leader in the War Between the States." We mourn also the death of **Eloise Clor Turrel** (Mt. Vernon, IL), for 64 years wife of classmate **John**. An accomplished gardener, she also taught microwave-cooking classes both at Rend Lake College and at her

home. Five years ago, she was named Paul Harris Fellow for the Rotary Foundation and—you read it here at the time—she and John were named Senior Saints by Mt. Vernon. Our class's very first saints. Stay tuned.

Al Lurie, LLB '44, writes: "I suddenly realized this week that I must be getting old. At a convocation in Washington, DC, from which I momentarily excused myself to attend to pressing business in the men's room, a fellow member of the Bar rushed in to tell me I had to come out immediately. 'Hotel on fire?' 'No, just come out right now!' I returned to the hall and to unexpected applause. Turns out I had just been awarded the first-ever Lifetime Achievement Award for 'dedicated service and contribution to improving Employee Benefits Law.'" [Nice, Al. Really nice. But which was the sign of aging: the "lifetime award" or the inexorable call of the urinal?]

Unlike Al, and oblivious to encroaching age, former co-correspondent back in the male-chauvinist-pig days when women were deemed worthy of reporting only women's news, **Hedy Neutze Alles** today responds to this heady moniker: glamour0307@comcast.com. We phoned Nancy and **Dave Mertz** (Thompson, PA), who sounded in fine fettle despite the fact that their life-long summer cottage on Lake Coxton in the Endless Mountains has been humbled by the splendiferous tear-down-replacement completed next door by daughter Susan and husband Bob Allen.

From **Charles Harris**: "It's boating time once again—spending more time under this sailboat (a 'Dovekie') than on the water. Then suddenly, it's time to take the boat out and start all over again. Two gypsies who like to repair dented autos in one's driveway painted it orange, which earned it the sobriquet 'the Orange Lemon.' But we've been together for 30 years, and I am the only one that seems to have aged." We forwarded to **Dave Estes** an e-mail of thanks from Athletics Director Andy Noel for this year's contributions to aid specific under-funded teams. It showed that Sprint (150-pound in our day) football led all others in percentage of funds raised above goal. A nifty 273 percent. All them old guys happy never again to run 100-yard wind sprints. Halfback Estes wrote back: "What good ol' codgers we are. Our academic stats would never have predicted the 273 percent. Saw no Ivy League last fall; settled instead for the swamp at the U. of Florida. Miller, all your fingers and toes flexible now? Hope so." Answer: "Nope. No progress in the last several years. I hit the wall. Still walking with a walker, typing with my nose, but, thank you very much, no regress either."

Did you see where a former colleague, who served in four administrations with **Paul Wolfowitz '65**, said, "I have great respect for his intellect, but the kinds of problems he got into were predictable for anybody who really knew him. Wolfowitz couldn't run a two-car funeral." Our own late lamented **Barber Conable, BA '42, LLB '48**, retired in 1991 after four years as president of the World Bank. We don't remember anyone riding *him* out of town on a rail. ♦ **S. Miller Harris**, P.O. Box 164, Spinnerstown, PA 18968; e-mail, millerharris@netcarrier.com.

44 Did you ever wonder what our diligent and devoted classmates **Art and Dotty Kay Kesten** did when they weren't sending News and Dues notices, attending football games and CACO conferences, planning tailgate parties (and hosting many), and organizing cruises and reunions while taking turns as class president (not to forget Art's ongoing all-inclusive website)? They have been honored as outstanding alumni at Cornell for these activities. Yet in May, in Atlanta, they were presented with the Gold Award of the Order of St. Michael at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Army Aviation Association of America Inc. Dotty is the first woman to receive the Gold Award and was the first woman to be inducted into the Army Aviation Hall of Fame in 1975 (with Art). The Kestens founded *Army Aviation* magazine in 1953, then helped organize AAAA in 1957. They have promoted the growth and understanding of Army aviation, recorded its history, and helped to recognize and honor the people involved.

Many of the rest of us '44ers have settled into CCRCs (continuing care communities), enjoying the good life with many volunteer, trip, lecture, and game activities (you can be as busy as you want to be) and new and interesting friends. **John, BArch '49**, and **Jean Hendrickson Cummings '45** sold their house of 54 years and moved to Good Shepherd Fairview Retirement home ininghamton, NY, where they are happily ensconced. **Peter Miller, MBA '48**, writes that their CCRC in Newtown Square, PA, is embarking on a multi-million dollar expansion that he, as a new member of the Board of Trustees, will be involved with for three years. Peter and Nancy attended Cornell Commencement when granddaughter **Morgan Miller '07** received her degree, their third granddaughter to do so. "A beautiful day, and the Crescent was full." The Kestens also had a grandchild graduating. **Jean Slaughter Davis** reports that she and her husband have retired to Friendship Village of South Hills, enjoying the company of many Cornellians and the gorgeous scenery (no gorges, though) of southwestern Pennsylvania, one hour south of Oakmont Country Club, the site of the 2007 US Open golf tournament.

Some 60th wedding anniversaries to report: **Gretchen Eichorn Facq** and her husband in December (she says she enjoys many activities), and **Nancy Torlinski Rundell** and Bud in June. We both are very busy at Falcons Landing—Bud primarily as deliveryman for The Store (the thrift shop), and I as librarian and interviewer for in-house TV. We also do water aerobics, water volleyball, bridge games, Chinese class, lectures, concerts, etc. **Ruth Aronson Singer**, a new duespayer, writes from La Jolla, CA, that she and Jon celebrated their 60th with many old friends, "mostly associated with UC San Diego and growing up at our beaches." They had three children, two sons (one died in a fire a few years ago), and one daughter, all with PhDs and good jobs. First granddaughter, a teenager, hopes to be a "baby doc." Jon is semi-retired from the UCSD biology department; Ruth did social work for 25 years and now volunteers at a veterans hospital.

All '44 subscribers to *Cornell Alumni Magazine* and an additional 270 nons received Dotty

Kesten's June '07 letter. You know that **Alison King Barry**, BArch '47, **Janet Buhsen** Daukas, Helen and **Jerry Levitan**, MBA '48, Peter Miller, and the Kestens attended the CACO Mid-Winter Meeting in Philadelphia in January. And you also know all about our "fully funded" class projects. Only Art's incredible website and the Elm Tree project need support.

It's holiday time! Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmastime, and good health and good cheer all year! ♦ **Nancy Torlinski** Rundell, 20540 Falcons Landing Circle, #4404, Sterling, VA 20165

45 In the "Long Time, No Hear" category, we were pleased to receive reports from several classmates, such as **Reed Gilbert** (Rushford, NY), who is fully retired and enjoying being home with his wife Frances and visiting his three sons, who are all Cornell alumni (**Gary '71**, **Daniel '74**, and **William '76**). He remembers fondly working at the Hill Drugstore and working on the Cornell farm. **Louise Flux Phelps**, BS '44 (Long Beach, CA) is also retired; she and Joseph are living in a small apartment temporarily while their "little house" is being completely remodeled. She enjoys swimming, walking, gardening, and beach-walking with her great-granddaughter, 2. She warmly recalls her good friends on the Hill, sorority sisters and many others. Another retiree, **Mildred C. Hughes** (Jackson Heights, NY), says she'd love to be skiing, golfing, and world-traveling, if only she were young again. Amen!

Likewise, **Samuel Ward**, PhD '53 (State College, PA) says that his fondest memory of his time at Cornell was being young. In answer to "What are your 'After-Hours' extracurricular activities?" he responded, "Let's not get too personal!" Sam may be retired, but he hasn't lost his sense of humor. He does work on committees at Foxdale Village, teaches Tai Chi to the residents, and occasionally does some painting. **Leah Patiky** Rubin (Reston, VA) has recovered from a fall after several months in hospital and rehab. She likes playing with her great-grandson and wishes she could visit her great-granddaughter in Israel. Another fall hit **William Rothfuss**, BS '44 (Greenville, SC), and Bill is recovering from a broken hip. We oldsters aren't too good at falling!

Frances Shloss, BArch '44 (Beverly Hills, CA), retired architect, keeps busy on church committees, tutoring at grade school, and golfing. She says that she is happy doing what she's doing, which is a surprise, coming from an inveterate cruise-lover. She remembers her campus days swimming at Flat Rock and hiding out from the "campus patrol" on the fourth floor rain gutters of White Hall so as to finish late-night design projects. I'm not sure what the "campus patrol" was, but maybe it was Jim Eisenberg, the lone campus cop. Now there is a whole police force, but I remember that we did whatever Jim said, as we didn't want to have to go see Proctor Manning.

From Schaghticoke, NY, **Gertrude Durfee** Allen reports that she's busy keeping up her end of the farm, driving non-drivers for her church and book club. She's thinking of downsizing, though. Keeping up with 16 grandchildren is enough. She remembers fondly "Miss Jo" and Miss

Benke from the Cornell Apartments. Neither rings a bell with me, so a bit of explanation would help. **Jim Carley**, PhD '51 (Tucson, AZ) is still doing some adjunct teaching, tutoring high school frosh in math, bicycling, antique clock repairing, swimming, crosswords, and reading (when?). He'd like to be lying on a warm ocean beach with good snorkeling. So would I—and recommend the BVI.

Quite a few have mentioned old CU friends with whom they'd like to get in touch. I have tried to answer those requests, but suggest that you look in the online Cornell Alumni Directory at <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

William Doe, BS '49 (Harvard, MA) is active in three bridge groups and still keeping up with 35 acres of orchard, now run by his nephews, since his brother **Whitney '43** died in May. Bill says that he remembers well rowing for Cornell with "Stork" Sanford, and is enjoying whatever life is left. Good philosophy! **Albert Brown**, PhD '51 (Lincoln, NE) says that he tried to write to Bill Doe, who was his freshman roomie, but the address in our last booklet didn't work. I will send him the correct one, as full addresses aren't published in this magazine. **N. Bruce Weir** (Glenside, PA) recalls swimming in Beebe Lake and Fall Creek Gorge and would like to get back to some private flying and sailing. (So would I, but I'm too darned old.) He's still doing occasional consulting, as well as keeping busy in church and choir.

No news from our chimesmaster, **Bob Frankenfeld**, MD '47 (Long Beach, CA), but he recalls fondly the members of Cayuga Lodge. **James Rodgers** (Hingham, MA) has been busy as a library volunteer for the last 17 years and a nursing home ombudsman for six. As a 42-year denizen of coastal Massachusetts, and after 61-plus years with "an adorable spouse," he is happy with what he's doing. His fond memories of Cornell include a great university and camaraderie with his V-12 roommates. Another volunteer is **Richard Allen**, BME '47 (Cincinnati, OH), who helps repair homes for the poor every Thursday. Dick works out thrice a week and twice went downhill skiing in Utah—and wishes he were doing it right now. **Dorothy Scott** Boyle sends bad news and good news from her daughter's home in White House, NJ. Scottie had lymphoma of the thyroid and neck, but is proud to be a cancer survivor. She's taking physical and speech therapy and recovering her swallowing ability, but would rather be gardening, probably in her beloved Maine. ♦ **Prentice Cushing Jr.**, 713 Fleet Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23454; tel., (757) 716-2400; e-mail, prenticecushing@cox.net.

46 I needed news for this column, but not the first thing that I heard—that our reunion co-chair **Mavis Gillette Sand**, BS '45's husband, **Seaward "Sandy" '45**, PhD '55, died at the end of July. I spoke to Mavis and learned that his memorial was to be held in East Aurora on August 11.

I also heard from some old faithfuls: **Sylvia Mayer Paul** (Amherst, NY) wrote about her February '07 trip to Peru. "Machu Picchu, the mountaintop community built in the 15th century and rediscovered in 1911, was breathtaking.

We also white-water rafted on a tributary to the Amazon River, and visited an alpaca farm, a weaving mill, and Caral, a desert community discovered in 1994 that has been carbon-dated as 4,600 years old." In March, Sylvia visited **Anne Hodgkins Ransom** in Powder Springs, GA (near Atlanta). They were Sigma Kappa sisters at Cornell. "Anne is a voracious reader and keeps in touch with her extended family by phone and e-mail. She has six children, 26 grandchildren, and mushrooming great-children, some living in Shanghai, China, and Thailand."

Louise Greene Richards, PhD '65, contacted some of the Ithaca contingent and will try to get others to write me. "Weezie" still loves and praises Ithaca. I'm so glad she moved back from the Washington, DC, area when she retired. She spoke to **Hazel Brill Brampton** and learned that Hazel spends six weeks in Santa Cruz, CA, during the winter. "I can't stand the Ithaca weather after February," says Hazel. I hope you will all send me some more news soon. ♦ **Elinor Baier Kennedy**, 9 Reading Dr., Wernersville, PA 19565; tel. (610) 927-8777.

Donald Van Pelt (Plymouth, MI; dcvpsr@yahoo.com) is chairman of Plymouth Tube Company, a privately held international manufacturer of specialty tubing. Plymouth has recently founded Lion Tube to manufacture similar products in Mexico. Don says, "After hours, I enjoy my wife Alicia's company, as well as boating and reading." He fondly remembers Cornell days with friends from Delta Chi and Administrative and Mechanical Engineering. Don says he'd rather be retired. (Ed: Sounds like high-level indentured servitude.)

Dr. **David Day**, BCE '45 (Highlands Ranch, CO; davidday1945@msn.com) and wife Mary have moved to Wind Crest—a resort, per their daughters. It is a new senior living center in Highlands Ranch, CO. Three daughters and a son supplied the muscle for the move, which could have been daunting. Moving is infecting the Day family of late. Dave's 93-year-old brother Emerson moved earlier this year from Cape Cod to Wilmette, IL. Dave's children Ted, Carrie, and Barbara and their families have made interstate moves. Daughter Suzanne didn't move her family, but she and husband Andy are moving their growing business out of their home to a nearby new office building. After a month of unloading boxes, Dave and Mary are thoroughly enjoying their "resort."

Richard Beard, BME '45 (Fort Wayne, IN) married Janice on February 19, 2005. That event did not interfere with Dick's competing at the National Model A Restorer's Club in Indianapolis in June 2006. His 1928 Model A won the Henry Ford Award with 480 out of a possible 500 points. Dick is justly proud of his work for the Talking Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Volunteer Program. He does quality control testing there, repairing over 1,000 cassette machines since their local operation began in 1997.

Marilyn and **Sanford Klion** (Palm Beach, FL; wecinq@bellsouth.net) were on campus for granddaughter **Jodi Klion '06's** graduation from ILR. They wanted to return for our 60th in '06, but a second Ithaca trip so soon was too much for

Marilyn. Sandy is proud to have fostered a Cornell tradition in his family. Three children, three grandchildren, and a younger brother have matriculated at Cornell. Like so many classmates, he is retired. He volunteers for the Palm Beach Police Department and as a member of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary. Sandy remembers vividly from undergrad days a wartime experience with the Cornell Band. Cornell played Dartmouth in Buffalo. It was so cold that the brass instruments had to use anti-freeze instead of oil in their valves. The valves operated so slowly that the band had to change their marching cadence from 144 to 120.

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47 Campus is changing! **Susan Murphy '73**, PhD '94, Cornell's VP for Student and Academic Services, reports that right after Reunion, the last of the U-Halls (Class of '17) on West Campus was demolished, and construction started on the final residential house, which has been named in honor of biologist and educator **William T. Keeton**, PhD '58. Susan also reports that students are fully enjoying the programs and opportunities offered at the new Noyes Community Recreation center, which opened last January. Slightly different from the dorms, the Mess Hall, and the jungle-like area behind of our time!

Reunion reminiscences continue—in my head and my heart. I've heard from several of you—some who attended, some who could not. I had a nice talk on the phone with **Connie Foley Ferris**; she and Carl are all right, but couldn't come. And a very nice letter arrived from Connie's Cornell roommate **Kit Kennedy Brinkman**, who was also not able to come. She says that she is well and active, involved with family, tennis, music, and good causes, and that she and husband Brink had traveled around the world and back. Another special phone chat was with **Dick Jones**, BCE '46, who couldn't come since he was still recovering from a serious brain tumor. Dick and wife Mary had a very difficult spring, but he sounded good and promised to come next time.

Lauraine Serra Warfield, BS '46, had intended to attend, but her grandson wanted to marry on the same weekend at her sheep farm—the same site where his sister had married the year before. Lauraine reports that she and her Cornell boyfriend **George**, PhD '50, were married 62 years in July and life has been good for them. Wonderful! They retired early and traveled extensively around the world—everywhere but South America. They do much volunteering: for Meals-on-Wheels, Hospice, Services for the Elderly, and making quilts for fundraising organizations. **Adrina Casparian** Kayaian had registered to come to Ithaca, but had to cancel because her husband Berge injured himself on some stairs early in June. **Sue Tettelbach Colle** and her husband **Ervin** '49 had planned to attend, but cancelled because of illness. **Stu LaDow** and his wife registered but cancelled. A sad call of cancellation right before reunion came from the husband of **Barbara Kenrick** Miller, MS '54, saying that she had died

June 1. **Seymour Rock**'s son Ben e-mailed to report his father's death last December.

On a happier note, I have received nice communications from Reunion attendees that they really enjoyed the weekend, seeing classmates and the campus, and going to events. They all liked our program at the Library and being at the Statler! Some I heard from are **Bob and Nancy Lain Cox** '48, **Bill**, BME '46, and **Pat Reinfeld Hale** '48, **Herb**, MBA '48, and **Ann Trimby Englehardt**, and **Lois Stamey Spear**. **Bob** '51 and **Jane Johnson McCombs** wrote that they liked everything. They still live in the same house they built 50 years ago and have a large yard and garden. That must keep them busy, but they are also active with church and Rotary projects, and Bob is still involved with soil conservation work.

Helen Tetter Kennedy couldn't come to Reunion, but has wonderful memories of the campus and how lovely it was in our time. She lives near her sister **Babette Tetter** Rutherford '49 and stays in close contact with **Dody Knight** Stilwell's

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48 **William O'Brien**, East Aurora, NY: "Retired, residential inspections and consultations. See friends, enjoy sports and family, and am active in church. Fondly remember graduation, hearing the chimes, and being there with friends and family. Our years at Cornell were very special. Visited the WWII Memorial with son Joseph, and enjoyed graduation of our two 18-year-old granddaughters. I really feel the value of our country and how blessed we are to live here. Have recently become aware of global warming, another worry on top of the Iraq war and solutions for peace."

Margaret Clark Smith Brown, Lincoln, NE: "I'm currently a homemaker. Drove east to visit family in New York and New Jersey. Today's problem is keeping fit to continue with all my volunteer work." **Leonore Harvey** Bernard, Miami, FL: "My husband is deceased and I'm retired. I paint

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three daughters. Though she lives in Vero Beach, FL, she returns to the North Carolina mountains where she's summered for many years. **Will Brenner**, MEd '48 (originally a member of the Class of '42), says retirement is just fine, that his time at Cornell was the fulfilling of a dream, and that he'd like to hear from **Irving Rappaport** '44, BA '48. In his late 80s, he is keeping fit and has just written and published his first novel, *Concerned*, about the coming of age of young people, their loves and their tragedies during the "error" of the Iraq war. He must be fit in mind and body. Good work!

Because of our class interest in the Library, I asked for information on gift opportunities. Unrestricted gifts of any amount (including Cornell Annual Fund gifts designated to the Library) provide a source of funds that the University Librarian can use wherever the need is greatest in supporting current students and faculty members in their learning, teaching, and research. There are also many specific opportunities for substantial gifts ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000 or more for a named endowment. The Library Development team sent me much specific information, which I don't have room for here. Anyone interested can contact: Sharon Kendall, (607) 255-9868; e-mail, stk22@cornell.edu.

In the last column, I reported that **Sylvia Kianoff** Shain will share the column duties. We each will do half a year, and she will start with the next issue. Send news to either of us, stay well, and my best wishes to all for a happy winter and spring. ❖ **Arlie Williamson** Anderson, 238 Dorchester Rd., Rochester, NY 14610; tel., (585) 288-3572; e-mail, arlie47@aol.com; **Sylvia Kianoff**

(I received first prize for one of my watercolors), visit with friends, and travel. Cornell best memories are good friends, meeting my husband, and some very good art classes. Recently went to Venice, Italy, and San Miguel de Allende, Mexico—also Belize and Guatemala. Enjoyed 80th birthday party in Annapolis, MD, with friends from California, Boston, North Carolina, Alabama, and New York. My pressing problem is where to go next (ha-ha), and the solution is to get going. The world's problem is Iraq. Solution is to change leadership. Have recently been learning Spanish and how to be a better artist."

Julia Marzec "Diva" Cacavas, Buffalo, NY: "Retired after 32 years with the government and trying to get used to it and renewing old friendships. I treasure every single Cornell memory. They were extremely happy years. I'm trying to get fit and strong enough to travel to Manhasset. Most pressing problem is trying to select which one is the most pressing. Have come to realize how closely connected are the mind and body and how important it is to maintain a positive outlook. Life is not a snapshot. It's a moving picture—different for everyone. Congratulations to all our class officers, who are doing a great job!"

Richard Brown, Rockville Centre, NY: "Retired lawyer. We read, answer the phone, and travel. Went to Portugal, Santa Fe and the Grand Canyon, Dubai, and Germany, and plan a lot more. We—**Gail (Berkson)** '56 and I—have 11 grandchildren between us, and counting. Encounter: I was parking, checking the meters to see if any had time remaining. Alas, none had. As I was opposite a meter, but moving slowly

forward, a youngster slanted through the parking space partly occupied by my car, glancing off my left front fender. My cheapness in checking the meters enabled me to establish with precision where my car was at the time of impact so that my insurance company not only paid the covered cost of the repairs but also the \$1,000 deductible. Moral (as Ben Franklin observed): 'Be thrifty' (or downright cheap)!"

Tom Dolan, Philadelphia, PA: "Helping to bring a new retirement community (the 'Hill at Whitehall') on line for residents just north of Philadelphia. I golf, fly-fish, read, endeavor to reduce my computer illiteracy, daydream of the pleasures of bygone years, and watch birds. Fondlest memories are days and nights at Llenroc,

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JULIA MARZEC "DIVA" CACAVAS '48

classes with Prof. William J. Hamilton Jr. (mineralogist), and duck and grouse hunting. Recently visited our cabin in the mountains southeast of Livingston, NJ. The last thing I remember was Christmas in the Poconos with 18 family members for ten days. Would rather be fly-fishing or playing golf. Now getting ready to move after 36 years in our home. I hope I'm around to enjoy the excitement of our grandchildren after they've graduated from the college of their choice (i.e., Cornell). Ours is the best generation, hands down. The subsequent generations include a disproportionate number of egocentrics who—coupled with their aggressiveness—lack the humor and social graces necessary to make the world go 'round more smoothly. Would like to hear from members of our class with whom I shared classes in zoology, botany, limnology, ornithology, and other natural science disciplines, especially **Jim Chamberlain**. Solution to world's problems is world population containment, land use restrictions, and alternative energy sources and techniques."

Leon Hammer, MD '52, Gainesville, FL: "President of Dragon River College of Oriental Medicine. Play tennis; watch birds. Fondlest memory is the campus, the gorges, and the surrounding region of the Finger Lakes. We enjoy our home in the Adirondack Mountains. Would rather be sailing and writing more articles and books. Solution to everything: perseverance and prayer for a change in values. We are entitled to nothing and must be a part of everything. Each of us is chosen to serve in a unique fashion. There is no room for regrets or complaints." ♦ **Bob Persons**, 102 Reid Ave., Port Washington, NY 11050; phone and fax, (516) 767-1776.

49 **Jeanne McNulta** Fox and **Sylvia Hirshhaut Frank** both have granddaughters in their sophomore year at Cornell. Sylvia and husband **Robert** live in Kensington, MD. They are retired: Bob from a law firm as a patent attorney

and partner in October '06, and Sylvia as a clinical social worker. She participates in classes for seniors at Johns Hopkins U., book clubs, and various volunteer groups. Bob is an active volunteer in AARP's pro bono program. They visited their son in London, and went to a granddaughter's graduation (U. of Michigan) and a family wedding in New Orleans last spring. Sylvia is in touch with **Babs Stern** Isaacson and **Margy Rubin** Slavin.

On the move: **Rodney Miller**, after 30-plus years on St. Simons Island, GA, now lives on Lake Greenwood, SC, where he can fish and boat to his heart's content. **Jerry '51** and **Helen Osborne Jenkins** moved to Copley, OH.

Traveling is always a popular pastime! **Gordon** and **Margaret DeRycke Nesbitt '50** went to

China and next plan to vacation in Australia. They winter in New Mexico. When home in Groton, NY, Gordon farms, having retired from the Soil Conservation Service. **Robert Hill** and his wife have traveled to France and Spain. He writes that he is "staying current in science, and learning about history, art, and more!" Keep those gray cells percolating.

Barbara Corell Lawrence is taking a class on opera at Union College, and also does needlework, watches TV, and reads. **Marilyn Gruenberg** Luebeck is a substitute elementary teacher for Bloomfield, MI, public schools. She is chairwoman of facilitators for biographies and film at the Inst. of Retired Professionals, and also works for the Democratic Party. "Attending CAU theater trip in London. Great leaders—great play—great groups!"

Still working are **John Zinn** as a consultant (physicist) at Los Alamos Nat'l Lab, with extracurricular activities of hiking and skiing, and **Albert Condo**, MS '51, a consultant to Mach I Inc. He is principal investigator for research on military aerospace chemicals for the US Dept. of Defense. Al enjoys skiing, lawn and garden work, walking, and other physical endeavors. He is chairman and VP of programs for the 10th Mountain Div. Assoc. Inc.

Then there is **Robert O'Connell**, who is "retired but open to requests for business that comes 'over the transom'—a PR generalist with experience in private and public sectors." He returned to work for the federal government—nine months in the Bush I Administration and seven for the first Clinton Administration. Robert works out at the gym, reads the *New York Times*, the *Economist*, the *New Yorker*, and others, and follows politics and the military closely.

Did you know there are three '49ers in the Cornell Athletic Hall of Fame? **Bob Dean**, **Jack Jaso**, and **Joe Quinn**. As of 2006 the following football records still stood: longest pass play of 98 yds. by Bob Dean to **Norm Dawson '46** vs.

Navy in 1947; and longest punt of 88 yds. by Bob Dean vs. Colgate in 1948. **Hillary Chollet**, MD '54, had one of his records finally broken last season. Remember cheering, stamping our feet, and celebrating all our victories? And, just maybe, drowning our sorrows after the loss! ♦ **Mary Heisler Allison**, 1812 Puerto Bello Dr., Lady Lake, FL 32159; tel., (352) 259-0203.

50 As mentioned in the July/August issue, the Class of 1950 held TWO class dinners this year, one in Philadelphia at the time of the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Cornell Association of Class Officers (CACO) and a second one in New York City in the spring. These dinners were both so successful—more classmates attended the New York dinner than ever before—that we have decided to have two dinners again in 2008.

The first will be on Friday, February 8, in Philadelphia, again at the time of the CACO meeting, and again at the elegant Union League, 140 South Broad Street. And we'll again join with other classes from the early 1950s. For more information and to make reservations, contact me, **Marion Steinmann**, at any of the addresses or the telephone number listed at the end of this column.

The second dinner will be on Friday, May 2, in New York, again at the Cornell Club, 6 East 44th Street. For more details and reservations, contact **Stan Rodwin**, our hard-working vice president in charge of class events, at e-mail rodpkg@frontier.net or telephone (585) 889-3180. Or write him at P.O. Box 904, Scottsville, NY 14546. We hope to see you at both of these dinners!

Three of our classmates have contributed to a new book, *First-Person Cornell* by Cornell historian Carol Kammen, which is a compilation of excerpts from letters, postcards, diaries, e-mails, and blogs written by students—from the first Class of 1872 through the Class of 2009—about their experiences as undergraduates. In her letters home our freshman year, **Anita Ades** Goldin (Louisville, KY; anitagradd@insighthttb.com) wrote about her excitement at meeting fellow students from India, China, France, and the Netherlands. To his diary, the late **David Kogan** confided his thoughts about, among many other topics, his roommates, his professors, and the girls he met; he also pondered his future career. And **Libby Severinghaus** Warner (Bryn Mawr, PA) wrote lively accounts to her parents about her classes, her grades, her dates—and football games.

John Mellor, PhD '54 (jmellor@jmassocinc.com) became a Cornell professor in the departments of Ag Economics, Economics, and Asian Studies, and also director of Cornell's Program on Cooperative Economic Development. From 1977 to 1991, he was director of the Int'l Food Policy Research Inst. in Washington, DC. John is now president of John Mellor Assoc. Inc., a policy consulting firm in Washington working with developing countries, and he travels frequently to Ethiopia, Guatemala, and Afghanistan. At Cornell John was on the track team. "I'm not a very fast runner these days," he writes, "but I still ski and sail. Last November we sailed a 41-foot boat from the British Virgin Islands to the Chesapeake. Pretty exciting, with 14-foot waves and 40-knot winds!"

The Class of 1950 has not just one but two Gerald Silvermans, both with Cornell doctoral degrees. **Gerald Silverman**, PhD '55 (Newton, MA, vertsil@rcn.com), a microbiologist, was an associate professor in the nutrition and food science department at MIT, where he conducted research in food safety. Later he joined the Dept. of Defense laboratories in Natick, MA. Today Gerald runs, gardens, and volunteers at the Newton Public Library. The other Gerald Silverman, **Gerald M. Silverman**, MD '53 (New York City) was on the faculty at Cornell Medical College. **Ann Ellis Reynolds**, MEd '53, raised four children and in 1982 earned a Psy D from the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology in Boston. She was a clinical instructor in psychiatry on the Harvard Medical faculty at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston and also an associate professor in child psychiatry and child development at Boston U. Medical School. Currently she is a psychologist with the West Central Behavioral Health Group in Claremont, NH, and also has a private practice in Quechee, VT. **Richard Jansen**, PhD '58 (grjan@lamar.colostate.edu) was professor and head of the Dept. of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Colorado State U. in Fort Collins. Richard has written more than 100 articles in scientific journals; his major research area is protein nutrition, and much of his research has involved protein quality and quantity during lactation.

Five classmates who roomed together in Risley Hall our sophomore year, **Beverley Collins Adams**, **Katherine Rusack Adams**, **Ellen Forbes Andrews**, **Jane Wigsten McGonigal**, PhD '84, and **Frances Duncan Stowe**—"Risley Roomies," they call themselves—and their spouses have met for a reunion almost every year since graduation. "This year we met for lunch at the Turning Stone Casino in Verona," Jane says. "We've also attended most class reunions together." Kitty Adams (Fonda, NY) taught French and Spanish, Ellen Andrews (Leesburg, FL; efagfa@gmail.com) was an elementary school teacher, and Frances Stowe (West Stockholm, NY) and Jane McGonigal (Ithaca; jwm7@cornell.edu) both worked for Cornell Cooperative Extension. The five women raised a total of 17 children.

Engineer **Bernard Herman** (Cherry Hill, NJ; bernardh11@comcast.net) works part-time as an arbitrator for NASD (National Association of Security Dealers), the American Arbitration Association, and the Better Business Bureau. Bernie was president and CEO of Okidata, the company that makes printers and other computer peripherals. **Mari Lund Wright**, who lives in Oslo (mawright@frisurf.no), recently traveled with friends to Cambridge, England, and the Tuscan region of Italy. Mari raised two daughters and taught English and history to 16- to 19-year-olds at a European-style "gymnasium" in Norway. From 1981–82 Mari spent a year in China, teaching at the Peking Language Inst. in Beijing. One of her students there, Ding Xiang Warner, is now an associate professor at Cornell in the Dept. of Asian Studies. Cardiologist **Richard Willner** (Long Beach, CA; rwil171129@aol.com) is active with Liga Int'l—also called the Flying Doctors of Mercy—a volunteer organization that provides free medical care to indigent people in remote areas of Mexico. Dick

is director of Liga's Children's Heart Program. He is also a consultant to the cardiology program at Ranchos Los Amigos Medical Center in Downey, CA. Dick keeps in close touch with **Dan Ninburg '49** (Merida, Mexico), **Fred Masback**, BA '49 (Long Beach, CA), and **Michael Geduldig** (Mechanicsburg, PA; geduldig@earthlink.net).

John Baran, MBA '52 (johnfranbaran@aol.com) and his wife **Frances (Mulry) '47** have moved from Rhode Island to Needham, MA, to be near their daughter and her family. **Rodger Gibson** (rodggib@aol.com) and his wife Betty Lou have also moved, from Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, to Prospect, KY, near Louisville, where all three of their children and seven grandchildren live. **Bill Sharman**, BArch '52, has been inducted into the Westchester County Senior Citizen Hall of Fame. Bill is the oldest active member of the Briarcliff Fire Dept.; he helps direct traffic at emergencies. He sings in the choir at the Congregational Church and was also the first president of the Briarcliff Manor-Scarborough Historical Society. Bill lost his wife **Audrey (Rossman)** last year. "I'm still working as an architect. Keeping busy," Bill writes. "I guess that's the best way to cope."

Word has come that **Paula Moyer Jung** died recently. Paula was married to **Peter '49**. An economics major, she initially worked, from 1950–57, as an economist for the United Nations in New York City. From 1957–76—19 years—Paula quit working and stayed home to raise the Jungs' two sons. In 1980 she earned her JD from Southern Methodist U. and subsequently was a tax litigator for the US Treasury Dept. in Dallas. ♦ **Marion Steinmann**, 237 West Highland Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118–3819; tel., (215) 242–8443; e-mail, cjoiner@ix.netcom.com; **Paul H. Joslin**, 6080 Terrace Dr., Johnston, IA 50151–1560; tel., (515) 278–0960; e-mail, phj4@cornell.edu.

51 **Phyllis Gurfein** Gildston, Great Neck, NY, writes that she was widowed recently, but continues her private practice (www.northshorecaringdocs.net) as a licensed marriage and family therapist, mental health counselor, and audiologist. She is a professor emerita of Brooklyn College (CUNY) and presented a paper on "Hypnosis for Tinnitus" at the Acoustical Society of America meeting in June in Salt Lake City. Her daughter graduated from law school in Tennessee the same month. **Roger '50** and **Myra Weber Wolcott**, living at Friends House in Sandy Spring, MD, are still able to be active with gardening, the League of Women Voters, and all sorts of committees. They're active in Sandy Spring Friends Meeting and camp in New Hampshire. They see Doris and **Reggie Ingram** of Washington, DC, regularly. **Walter Barth**, MS '53, San Antonio, TX, reports that **Bill Ispirian '52** now lives in Scottsdale, AZ, and is active in real estate. **Elizabeth "Liz" King** Black reports in from Spokane, WA, but with no news. **Bill O'Hara**, Pittsford, NY, still works part-time as president of Waverly Creamery Inc., which functions as a holding company. He and Doris try to take at least one trip a month—one of which is a ski week—to get away from Rochester's snowy winters. Congratulations to **Tim Edlund** who married Karol Menzie (U. of

Missouri '70) in August in Baltimore's Episcopal Cathedral of the Incarnation. Tim is associate professor at Morgan State U. in Baltimore.

Sad to report, **Mannie '53**, MBA '54, husband of **Joan Hartford Ferreira**, died May 14 after a long illness. Their five children, all Cornellians, are **Mary Ferreira Reynolds '82**, **James '84**, **Catherine '85**, **Ann Ferreira Ressler '88**, and **Elizabeth Ferreira Todd '88**. Son-in-law **Thomas Reynolds '81** is also a Cornell graduate. Virginia Webb, Connersville, IN, reports that her husband **Bill** died suddenly and unexpectedly on March 3.

David Fielder, living with wife Susan in retirement on an island in Turkeyfoot Lake near Akron, OH, is very active in conservation, library support, and local history. **Bill** and **Joyce Shewman**, Mission Viejo, CA, toured Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, and Argentina in 2005. In 2006 they focused on the US: Bryce Canyon ("one of our favorites"), Zion, Grand Canyon, and Sedona, reinforcing their conviction that the US is still the "most beautiful part of the planet and how fortunate we are to live here." They stay busy at home with Travel Committee, Marine Club, and Bible Study Club. **Dorothy Krieger** Trau, Springfield, MO, writes that daughter Susan married Philip Johnson in San Francisco's Grace Cathedral on June 30. Daughter Catherine left MTV Enterprises as director of technology to form her own technology company.

Charlotte "Tinker" Williams Conable reports a reunion with **Caroline Cooper** Buckley, **Sue Pickwick** Ray, **Tracy Morrow** Robinson, **Myra Devoe** Linde, **Helen Malti** Oliver, and **Joan Ruby Hanpeter** in sunny Sarasota, FL, in March. "**Ed Hanpeter '52** was security guard. Some age-related changes—moving, downsizing—but all are as lively and talkative as ever."

Mary Ann Doutrich Seipos, Sanibel, FL, and Harrisburg, PA, invites visitation on www.BUYOwner.com and wants to know whether "anyone else thinks Richard Gere looked more like **Cliff Irving** in *The Hoax* than Cliff does." She reports a wonderful Elderhostel to "beautiful New Zealand" in fall 2005, and another across Russia on the Trans-Siberian Railroad last summer. She sees **Helen Brown** Entenman—now living in Bentley Village, Naples, FL—occasionally at Cornell Club lunches and movies about classmates. **George Evans**, Rowayton, CT, says, "Retirement is still the way to go." He and wife Linda occasionally loaf in Naples, FL, then send their way back to Connecticut. George wishes us all well.

Aurilyn Wright Allgor, Jackson Heights, NY, is "re-learning how to fly solo" after her husband of 45 years died a year ago. She has resumed traveling to a limited degree. "We had no children, but I have an extremely spoiled cat who rules the roost with an iron paw." **Jan "Rudy" '52** and **Florence Jessup Beaujon** write from Maineville, OH, that they are proud of their grandchildren—growing up and graduating from colleges and high schools—and that they enjoy alumni events, meeting younger Cornellians, and connecting with a few older ones from southwestern Ohio.

Correction Dept.: It was **Shelly Epstein** Akabas who sent news of the death of **Nat Myers '49**, which was reported in the July/Aug column. She wrote: "A wonderful friend; a sad loss." The

rest of the entry, about her involvement on Cornell Hillel's board and spending five weeks on Grand Cayman, was Shelly's. Sorry for the confusion. Please send your news to: ♦ **Brad Bond**, 101 Hillside Way, Marietta, OH 45750; tel., (740) 374-6715; e-mail, bbond@ee.net.

52 This column begins and ends with a bow to the Class of '52 Web page. Last issue, I recognized **Paul and Polly Prine Herman's** retirement after five years as our webmasters, but I never thanked them. It was a pleasure to work with them and, even better, get to know them. At the last minute, they had to miss our 55th Reunion, but I'm happy to report that Polly is better and that they continue happily to live in Portland, OR.

Much of the news that remains in the mailbag from fall/winter '06 is from people who attended Reunion; however, here it is for those of you who missed it and/or them. **Joan Stambolian Braner**, braner@hotmail.com, Tenafly, NJ, lists her day job as follows: "Conversations by candlelight; hostess for dinner parties, great books, movies, seminars, theatre, etc." After hours she continues with all that, plus NPR and fundraisers for the Democratic Party. **Hank Borys**, Mulkilte, WA, lists four children, ten grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren and writes, "It's—including holidays—one great celebration after another. Throw in an annual trip to Utica, NY, and occasional trips to family in Warsaw, FL, and Pignola, Italy. Makes for a busy year or two." **Bill '50**, MS '54, and **Gertrude Strong Neef**, MS '54, are in Prescott, AZ. She was building a dollhouse for her granddaughter and shopping for a hunger mission. They planned a Danube cruise last October, were expecting a new granddaughter in December, and planned to go whale-watching in the Sea of Cortez in February. Trust all well.

Gerry '49, PhD '55, and **Ina Perlstein Loewenberg**, ina-loewenberg@uiowa.edu, are in Iowa City, where Ina was leading a group in reading poems for private and public enjoyment, learning Biblical Hebrew, keeping contact with the women in her book, *The View from 70*, and "exercising like mad." **Jack and Libby Hunsberger Craver**, jcraver@mycyberlink.net, were at Reunion. Still in Lancaster, PA, Jack is consulting with the hotel industry and is a NASD arbitrator and an adjunct professor at Harrisburg Area Community College. He is director, Lancaster County Convention Center Authority, and sings in the Donegal Presbyterian Church Choir. He, Libby, and son **Jeff '75** had done some traveling, but, Jack, your handwriting. Maybe you should send me e-mail. Re e-mail: the new policy is to put the addresses in the column. If you don't want yours published, please so indicate. **D. Anne Bezer Lombardo**, bezer@tds.net, was also at Reunion. She winters in St. Mary's, GA, and summers in Brantingham, NY. She wrote, "I'm a CASA now!" She and Daniel seem to have—handwriting again—four daughters and a son, all doing well. The Lombardos were planning a January '07 trip to Buenos Aires and a cruise on the *Marco Polo*. D. Anne would "Love to hear from any classmates."

Evelyn "Kris" Hoffman Huffman, Kansas City, MO, had been traveling in the US, Canada,

Europe, and even Ithaca. Her middle daughter lives near Ithaca and works for Cornell. As of fall 2006, **Mary Alice Newhall Mathews**, MD '56, kendall.jones@simmons.edu, was still practicing psychiatry in Newton Centre, MA, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. After hours she was involved with underwater photography in Southeast Asia and the Caribbean. She was planning to attend her 50th Cornell Medical College reunion and was then off to dive in Borneo waters. I wonder how many '52ers were at that reunion. **Judy Calhoun Schurman**, Schurma1@optonline.net, New Canaan, CT, was at our reunion, but back in October '06 she was busy with traveling, aerobics, bridge, and volunteering. She had had great fun taking her 14-year-old granddaughter to Russia on a Cornell Alumni Federation trip. **Kirk Personius**, MS '56, Rochester, NY, was retired and "slowed down by arthritis." Nonetheless, he was active with politics, travel, reading, and grandchildren. **David Plant**, LLB '57, DPlantADR@aol.com, New London, CT, was mediating, arbitrating, and teaching. He had also begun revision of his 1999 book on dispute resolution. **Thomas Weber**, PhD '63, twweber@eng.buffalo.edu, Williamsville, NY, retired, wrote, "I swim five days a week, work on my golf game, read, and play the piano. My wife and I do some traveling and visit our son and daughter in New Jersey and Minnesota." He, as do many of you, answers "What I'd rather be doing now" with, "I'm doing what I enjoy most."

So many of you list memories of Cornell and friends from whom you'd like to hear that I send them to the webmaster for the Web page. In that vein, here's word from the new Class of '52 webmaster: "Hi, all. I am **Rich Davis**. As your new webmaster I am soliciting comments about our Web page, which is at <http://classof52.alumni.cornell.edu>. How can we improve it? Would you like to have a chat room? Pictures are much fun, so if you have any of yourself and other Cornellians please e-mail them to me at rkd@perfdev.com. Many thanks."

So, do that. I can't use pictures, but new news is a good thing. ♦ **Joan Boffa Gaul**, 7 Colonial Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15232; e-mail, joangaul@mac.com.

53 It was a day for cultural pursuit. In a crowd of 20,000 there will always be wide-ranging tastes, so it was no surprise that some in the Tanglewood audience found the sound of Beethoven music an ideal accompaniment to the long-awaited and last-in-the-series Harry Potter book. It was a glorious mid-summer Sunday in the Berkshires, and the all-Beethoven program by the Boston Symphony Orchestra was, well, powerful. The Class of '53 was there, picnicking under the stately, rustling oaks and maples. (None of our gang was seen poking around Harry's *Deathly Hallows*.) They also got backstage for a tour conducted by 29-year French horn fixture Danny Katzen. Supper at the nearby retreat of Phil and **Roz Zalutsky** Baron followed the concert. Mark present, among others, **Dave Gatti**, **Chuck West**, MBA '56, **David Gluck**, MD '57, **Bill Gratz**, Jim and **Carolyn Mulford Owens**, **Mort**, JD '55, and **Anita Brown Bunis**, the **Jim Blackwoods**, the **Bill**

Huehns, and **Moi** and **Mrs. Moi**. Bravissima and many thanks to Phil and Roz for thinking of the event, organizing it, and doing it, many times now.

It's not unusual for the very young to show their elders—patiently—how to make computers do what's expected of them. Switch: **Vic Wintriss** (San Diego, CA) runs a nonprofit school where children learn object-oriented programming. Vic, a Cornell engineer and former Navy pilot, predicts "a shortage of a million programmers in ten years." So he's teaching kids to write programs for customized games and robots. "Only 25 percent of the high schools require computer science," he says, and no grade schools that he knows of do. But his students get it. In fact, one, an autistic seventh-grader, created a computer game that won a blue ribbon in a San Diego County Fair kids' competition.

Professor emeritus **Ron Furry**, MS '55, traces biological and environmental engineering at Cornell over its first century in his new book, *A Pioneering Department: Evolution from Rural Engineering to Biological and Environmental Engineering at Cornell University, 1907-2007*. Furry, a past chair of the department of biological and environmental engineering, tracks Cornell's leadership in agricultural engineering through teaching, research, and extension programs. It is now a world leader in the field. He retired in 1995 after 42 years on the faculty. For further information, check the department's website, <http://www.bee.cornell.edu>.

Don Derrick still lives in his old hometown (LeRoy, NY). His most memorable day at Cornell was "the day we, the ROTC Pershing Rifles precision marching team, demonstrated against the Students for Democratic Action." **Sam Cassell** (Wyckoff, NJ) is occupied with "sailing and racing on Long Island Sound, exercising my back (three spinal operations), volunteer teaching, planning to open a free medical clinic for the uninsured of Bergen County, and continuing to celebrate birthdays." His all-time favorite Cornellian? "To be determined." Favorite Reunion reminiscence? "Just being part of the survivors at our 50th—the nods we gave each other as our glances met." Best day at CU? "Last day of ROTC."

"Do I get some kind of award for being among the last of the '53s to get around to retirement?" asks **Anne Cottrell Cuff** (Chatham, NJ) "I'm still a hospital social worker." Look for her at Reunion '08. **Leo Buxbaum** (Whittier, CA) continues to practice gastroenterology. His best day at Cornell? "When I entered and when I left." He fondly recalls venturing into a Collegetown pub at our 50th.

Retired but still "fairly active," **Don Ewart** has forsaken the snows of the Mohawk Valley—home for a half-century—in favor of a new life in a new Dixie home. Wife Margaret took a job in Charlotte, NC, that was too good to turn down. So they've sold their Scotia digs and gone south. "It will be a very large change for me," understates the former tech company president, "but I'm really looking forward to a new environment." He'll be seeing a bit of it over the handlebars of his Gold Wing motorcycle. "It's so comfortable," says he. "A real geezer bike." The Ewarts biked in Vietnam and checked out Cambodia and Thailand last

Christmas and New Year's. "It was a lot of fun, with a good group," he adds, and besides, "there's much to be said for warm weather over the holidays."

Brooklyn-bred **Bill Ash**, PhD '60 (New Bern, NC) is also learning southern ways. He, like many, is enjoying the dynamics of the upcoming (only a year off now) election. "The responsibilities seemed awesome" on his graduation day, February 4, 1953. "I was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant that day" and the Korean War was plodding along. A capsule on our 50th: "All the old classmates, bent over, old, white-haired—with a million memories." His favorite Cornellian? "I loved **Trudy Kehm Ash**, a great lady who battled cancer for nine years. We grew up—together—from 1949 to 1953." In 48 years of marriage, they had five children.

What were you up to 55 years ago this month? Maybe you were trying to decide whether to cast your first vote for Ike or Adlai. One way or the other, some of those you might be considering for the top job in '08 weren't even born in '52. Other household names from those days: McCarthy, Rosenberg, Dagmar, Mickey Jelke, Mike Hammer, Johnny Ray, Checkers, Milton Berle. The glow around the hearth back home was more and more emanating from television screens. This fall, we hope many are making plans for our Fab 55th Reunion in Ithaca's air-conditioned, elevator-blessed freshman dorm, June 5-8, 2008. ♦ **Jim Hanchett**, 300 First Ave., Apt. 8B, NYC 10009; e-mail, jch46@cornell.edu.

54 **Mary Lou Marshall** Duessel would appear to have a very full life in Litchfield Park, AZ. She is employed as volunteer coordinator of the First Step Program at Luke Air Force Base when not traveling with husband Harold. Recently she has been helping new parents adjust to their baby and helping mothers when their husbands are deployed. While her son has been serving in Afghanistan she obtained and sent four hundred blankets to the children in an orphanage in Kabul where her son and others from Camp Phoenix have helped repair the orphanage and school. Mary Lou is the first to mention the fun of skating on Beebe Lake.

Joan Shaw Taylor has retired from teaching, which allows her ample time for plays and concerts, volunteering at Samaritan Hospital (where she serves as mail chairperson for the hospital auxiliary), enjoying the grandchildren, and taking fun courses through Creative Retirement. One of Joan's fondest memories of Cornell is meeting **Gerry Lockwood** Oakley their first day as freshmen. They have been friends ever since. **Sonia Melius** Suter, also a retired teacher, has not gone far from the classroom. Along with traveling, she volunteers as a tutor and librarian in a local elementary school. Fond memories from her days on the Hill involve time spent with friends in the Wesley Foundation.

Sam Alessi's "after hours" involve volunteering, photography, and a bit of golf. From Down Under, a note from **Harold Geering**, MS '67, of Sydney, Australia, where he has retired as senior lecturer of soil science, agriculture, food, and natural resources at the U. of Sydney. Presently he serves as quartermaster at Glebe Salvation Army.

William Bates is very much involved with my favorite computer. He is a self-employed Macintosh aficionado and buys, refurbishes, and sells Macintosh computers. He even offers free Mac support via telephone. His expertise with File-maker keeps him in demand by groups wishing to track donations, addresses, and census data. Cornell memories? Everything was uphill. Life is like that at times. For Carol and **Robert Rodler**, life is good. They fill the hours with travel, golf, and relocating between Long Island and Naples, FL—I assume in the prescribed migration time frame. For **Martha Cary** Manilla, golf, bridge, reading, celebrating a 50th anniversary, and building a new home in Skaneateles have topped her to-do list of late. Martha, along with **Sheila McMullen** Ready and **Nancy Blackburn** Dale, had a mini-reunion awhile back in Vero Beach.

Jim Ritchey is still repairing hurricane damage to his house from past years, but I feel a bit

the warmer climes of Atlantic Beach, FL. Delight earned her PhD from Syracuse in 1994. After a career in advertising, she served as an editor of *Consumer Digest*, wrote *Grocery Game* (a consumer guide) and a chapter in John P. Jones's classic book *How to Use Advertising*, and lectured for six years at the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse. ♦ **Leslie Papenfus** Reed, 500 Wolfe St., Alexandria, VA 22314; e-mail, ljreed@speakeasy.net. Class website, <http://classof54.alumni.cornell.edu/>; Cornell Alumni Directory, <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu/>.

55 I hope it's some comfort to **Fred Jensen** '54 to know that so many classmates share his grief over the loss of his wife, **Marilyn (Brady)**. Marilyn died last April of lung cancer, leaving five children and ten grandchildren. The Jensens raised their family in Ridgewood, NJ, and moved

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JIM HANCHETT '53

better about upcoming seasons as his houseboat is now rebuilt and back in the water. Jim heads up the building and grounds committee at their church for good reason: he has had a great deal of building experience thanks to Mother Nature and her fall mischief. I have learned to keep a weather eye on Davis, NC. **Bill Peters** is retired in Athens, GA, and lending a hand to various volunteer services. He would like to find **Will Richardson** and **Richard Trapani**. It would appear they have gone missing. Any help would be appreciated. I know our super sleuth **Chick Trayford**, MBA '60, will commence looking for lost classmates soon in preparation for our reunion in '09 and would appreciate your help. **Fred Battaglia**, BA '53, took time from his hobbies of gardening, fishing, and biking to visit colleagues in Poland and Italy awhile back. His favorite pastime . . . fly-fishing.

Paul Nemiroff is having great success with his oil paintings and is represented in galleries coast to coast, but he would still rather be making films. Looking back at his days on the Hill he remembers with fondness being young, healthy, and strong. **Dwight Vick**, MBA '57, and his wife find they can accommodate their pastimes of tennis, golf, and sailing year-round, providing they bounce between Naples and Utica. Being retired from his wholesale florist business gives **Austin Edgar** more time for barbershop singing and Pee Wee Hockey—one assumes from the sidelines. **Allan Griff's** notes can be hard to edit as they are so dense. He would appear to be in non-stop travel mode covering most of Europe and the US. He writes poetry, sings, ponders the multiple problems attendant to solving environmental issues, fights "percentitis" that tends to conceal true numbers, and considers many other topics worthy of our time and thought. Bill and **Delight Dixon** Omohundro have left the "sovereign colony of Virginia" for

to Cape Cod in 1996, where Marilyn continued to provide nutrition counseling to a broad spectrum of clients.

We were also informed of several more deaths, that of **Frank Knight** in March, and **Donald Huene's** wife **Annette (Spittal)** '56, who died in April. **Sandra Chachkes** Temkin sends the sad news that our classmate **Doris Gottlieb** Sherman died in March. And **Marlene Medjuck** Green writes that her husband, writer Gerald Green, succumbed to Parkinson's disease last year. She counts herself lucky to be able to still enjoy winters in the sun (Boca Raton, FL) and late spring through early fall in New Canaan, CT. Our condolences to your families.

In the last column, we mentioned three classmates who attended the roast for Coach Ted Thoren last July. That list was incomplete: **Dick Mathewson**, **Guy Bedrossian**, MBA '56, and **Phil Harvey** were also there, plus Micky Tsapis and **Doris Caretti Oniskey** '54, whose husbands **Stan Tsapis**, LLB '58, and **Len Oniskey** were key players on the '55 football team.

Cerebral Palsy of New Jersey honored **Kelly Marx** last year for more than 40 years of service to the agency. Kelly has helped raise more than \$7 million over the years, the organization reports. As the honoree for the 2006 Steps to Independence Dinner, Kelly was instrumental in helping make the dinner the most successful fundraiser in the agency's 53-year history, and further surprised the crowd with the announcement of an additional gift of \$25,000 in honor of his dear friend **Tom Litwin**. **Ruth McDevitt** Carrozza says that arthroscopic surgery on her knee didn't prevent her driving from Florida to Pennsylvania to her daughter's for the Easter holidays, and she also planned to be on the *American Queen* steamboat in May, cruising the Mississippi.

Ruth Lauterbach Hutter writes, "We had the pleasure of spending the Passover holiday in Jerusalem with our entire family, all 17 of us, enjoying an amazing amount of touring, from the Kinneret Sea to Masada and the Dead Sea." Ruth is a docent at the Newark Museum and invites us to "come visit our amazing permanent collections and our new glass exhibit." At last report, **Shirley Sanford Dudley** and husband **Carl '54** were diligently studying Spanish in anticipation of a visit to Colombia to visit their son's in-laws. **Steven Dudley '91** was married in Bogotá last spring and is bureau chief for the *Miami Herald* in Colombia and Venezuela. **Rishon Stember** and his wife traveled to Ithaca with their son, daughter and

I'd like to take this opportunity to bring you some updates on things Cornellian, especially as they have links to our class. Scrambling though some of us are to keep up with the Web age, we've opened a website for our class that is not yet fully functional. The address is <http://classof56.alumni.cornell.edu> and we hope it will serve useful functions. We expect to be receiving news of classmates that will find its way into class columns. We'll have Cornell news there as well, and we'd like to get feedback from you as to what you'd like to see on the site. We know that registering classmates online for our 50th Reunion was very helpful and speeded the process, and we expect to do the same for our 55th (yes, 55th!).

General Zinni was the former Commander in Chief of the US Central Command (Centcom). In 2002 he was appointed special envoy for the US to Israel and the Palestinian Authority. He is currently at the College of William and Mary in the Dept. of Government and serves on several boards. He's a sought-after public speaker and an independent thinker. There's no doubt that he'll bring excitement to the campus.

Some more stuff about our class that you may not know. We were dubbed the "Super Class of '56" by Frank Rhodes on the occasion of our 25th Reunion in 1981. The reason for that was that we permanently changed the way reunions help support the university financially. We led the way in showing that classes are a vital part of Cornell's effort to strengthen its endowment. Since graduation, our class has donated well over \$100 million to Cornell. In all modesty we can claim credit for an enormous increase in reunion giving by subsequent classes after our record-setting 25th Reunion. We've a lot to be proud of as a class, and of course Cornell is deeply pleased with us.

Additional notes of interest. The Frank H.T. Rhodes Class of '56 endowment for the director of the Inst. for Molecular and Cell Biology has been granted to Scott Emr. The magnificent **Richard Meier '56**, BArch '57, Life Sciences Building will house the institute and will be completed in 2008. Underground passageways will connect the new building to other Life Sciences facilities on campus. There will also be close ties between Ithaca and Manhattan in this vital field of study. The Reis Tennis Center has a new head coach of women's tennis. Rob Weiss joined the program in August. Rob was the NCAA men's champion from Pepperdine U. and has served most recently as assistant coach at Georgia Tech.

Oops! I left out a dot in one of my class letters. The correct website address for our class is: <http://classof56.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Stay in touch with Phyllis and Steve and have very happy and healthy holidays! All the best, **Ernest Stern**, class president. ♦ **Steve Kittenplan**, catplan@aol.com; **Phyllis Bosworth**, phyloboz@aol.com.

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JOHN SEILER '57

son-in-law (both Cornell Med school graduates), and grandson to see the Stembers' youngest son, **Joe**, MS '06, receive his PhD. Rishon continues his medical practice in Norwalk, CT, and is on the board of governors of the NYU medical school. He stays in touch with **Harvey Gordon**, **Greg Siskind**, and **Al Greisman**, and lists as one of his interests promoting portrait art. The Stembers recently entertained John Howard Sanden, whose portrait of **Sandy Weill** currently hangs at the Weill Cornell Medical College.

Rona Kass Schneider and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking their whole family to Club Med in Ixtapa, Mexico, "a great choice for a gang from 2 to 78—something for everyone!" **Chuck Holcomb** says he's still doing corporate writing, and is enjoying tennis and his grandchildren. **Dan Sachs** is a tour guide at the US Holocaust Museum and a playwright. Dan's play *Flight Into Oblivion* is about the final days of Walter Benjamin, the famous critic/essayist. **David Berler**, MD '58, writes that he and his wife worked as camp counselors for disadvantaged children from AIDS families in South Africa, which was "a busy and inspiring experience." **Andy Dadagian** remains an avid track and field fan, attending the Olympics, national championships, HEPS, and Penn Relays. He still collects classic cars and, as a 38-year season ticket holder, never misses a Patriots home game. Since his own father lived to be 101, Andy's "most recent new knowledge" is this: "You can be 76 and still feel like you're 46!" ♦ **Nancy Savage** Petrie, nancypetrie@optonline.net. Class website, <http://classof55.alumni.cornell.edu>.

Now to another subject. You may or may not know that two classmates, **Curt Reis** and yours truly originated the idea of Cornell's Adult University (CAU) back in 1967. We convinced the administration that such a program would be well received by alumni and would be a boon to the Cornell professors chosen to participate. Well, the program has been a huge success over the years. When we started in 1968 it was a two-week summer program with relatively few classes. Today there are ten classes per week for four weeks during the summer, and there are 18-20 study tours all over the world. The beauty of the CAU program is that, unlike other tours, the CAU tours alone are with Cornell professors traveling with alumni and friends and offering a rich and intellectually stimulating experience that is unmatched. This coming year there will be trips to New Zealand, London, the gardens of Tuscany, the Aegean (with Frank Rhodes), Romania, Botswana and Zambia, Patagonia, and Panama. Also, a special treat later in 2008: one of the very last trips on the *Delta Queen*, the historic paddle wheeler, which is being retired. The trip will go from Memphis to Vicksburg and on to New Orleans. President David Skorton will be a lecturer, and the subjects will include jazz, food, and history. We'll have the whole ship to ourselves—I'd say not to be missed.

Next, some interesting news about the Frank H.T. Rhodes Class of '56 Professorship. You'll remember that we established the professorship to honor Frank Rhodes at our 40th Reunion. It was designed to enhance and strengthen the undergraduate experience at Cornell by bringing to the university individuals from every walk of life who represent excellence in achievement and to create opportunities for interaction with undergraduates. (Professors are chosen at the university and approved by the Board of Trustees.) We've had some wonderful professors over the years, and the choice of professor for the spring term is retired Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Zinni.

57 Some additional Reunion catch-ups are in order, particularly the purported fact that **Tony Cashen**, MBA '58, does not own a pair of long pants. He sported kilts at every opportunity at the June gathering, joined by **Stu MacKay** at the cookout on Saturday night. I was lucky enough to spend some time that night with **Tom** and **Shirley Besemer Itin**, both their usual energetic selves.

Roy Glah and I chatted at length at the Friday class dinner, an event noted for its heat (no air-conditioning), which might have felt good back when we endured those Ithaca winters. **Bob Watts** did his usual outstanding job as chair of the evening's program, giving up the class president's gavel after two outstanding terms (ten years) as our leader. He remains as webmaster, sharing your humble correspondent's view that e-mailing news to Judy and me on an increasing scale will only make more enjoyable the lark that we enjoy.

Bob Black looked as though he could still quick-stick a few into the Princeton net. In fact, he

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Hello, classmates. **Steve Kittenplan** asked me to write the class column for this edition of the magazine.

Class Notes with news of classmates will appear next time. If you haven't sent news recently, **Phyllis Bosworth** and Steve are eager to hear from you.

is still quite active in the tremendous growth of lacrosse nationally. He and I talked of how proud and lucky we were to have been on hand (along with 52,000 others) at the NCAA Final Four in Baltimore in May to see the Big Red play a gutsy game, coming back from eight goals down to lose to Duke with 3 seconds left. It was great fun to see former roommates **Steve Weiss** and **Bob Bayer** reliving their formative years. Steve's tireless work on behalf of Cornell, and in particular his pioneering vision as chairman of the board of trustees, will remain forever as a lasting cornerstone of our class's involvement with the university over the past 50 years. And luckily for the institution, he's still at it. **Ed Staats** couldn't be with us at the 50th, taking care of a heart problem that has happily been fixed in the meantime. He has been training to get back into triathlon condition, swimming daily and easing into the biking and running segments.

I mentioned in the last issue that **Andrew Campbell '53**, BA '58, passed away in April, and space now allows me to expand somewhat. Drew, as he was known in two undergraduate tours (on either side of an Army stint), had just celebrated his 75th birthday and had recently been told that the cancer pavilion of the Trinitas Health Foundation in Elizabeth/Hillside, NJ, of which he was vice chairman, had been named in his honor in gratitude of his leadership and generosity in that endeavor. A celebratory mass was held shortly after his death, at which a number of Cornellians, including several Chi Psi fraternity brothers, joined in remembering Andy. Fittingly, the cover of the service leaflet included this verse: *Grant me a sense of humor, Lord / The saving grace to see a joke / To win some happiness from life / And pass it on to other folk.* ♦ **John Seiler**, 221 St. Matthews Ave., Louisville, KY 40207; e-mail, suitcase2@aol.com.

Now where did I leave off? Oh, yes . . . Friday afternoon of Reunion was an opportunity to hear Profs. Ted Lowi and Joel Silbey discuss the 2008 presidential election. Others opted for the Olin Lecture by Jim Bell, leader of the Mars Rover pancam team at Cornell. The main event for the weekend was the class dinner held at Bartels Hall, a venue without air-conditioning on one of those rare humid days in Ithaca. The tables were graced with lovely flowers thanks to **Vanne Shelley** Cowie and her committee. At the reception beforehand there was time to meet and greet: **Virginia "Ginny" Elder** Flanagan, **Ann Phillips** Drechsel, **Millie McCormick** Malzahn, **Barbara Rovner** Flaxman, **Gloria Welt** Sage, **Ginny Meaker** Kleinhans and her sister **Eleanor Meaker** Kraft, LLB '60, and the seventh Judy—**Judy Liersch**. **Chris Zeller** Lippman had news that she is a first-time grandmother. The '57 crew was honored with **Claire Sanford** Perrault, who had flown in from Paris representing her dad, the outstanding crew coach known as "Stork."

New officers were elected, with **Dori Goudsmit** Albert taking the reins from our two-term class president **Bob Watts**. Bob has done a superlative job these past ten years, keeping us all informed and manning the class website. I signed up for another five years as correspondent on one condition—send news! Enjoying the dinner and program were other first-time reuners **Marilynn**

Rives Miller and **Liz Cohen** Theil. A downpour arrived just as dinner ended, but buses were available to keep dry those who chose to attend the Glee Club concert at Bailey Hall. The finale to Friday evening was a gathering in the lounge at Court for a songfest with **David McCurdy**, PhD '64, on guitar as wife **Carolyn (Durham)** and **Georgia Freeman** Messmer watched from the back rows.

Saturday morning was a time for the colleges to hold their Reunion breakfasts, and a group of Home Ec-ies hiked up to Martha Van led by **Joanne Field** Bleakley, who has run races in every state except Hawaii. **Carol Gehrke** Townsend, **Bert Grunert** DeVries, and **Patti Farrell** Marinelli kept up the pace. **Marilyn Jaffe** Jones and **Sue Breslow** Dillon were there. **Mabel Klisch** Deal had come down from Geneva for the morning, and **Nancy Krauthamer** Goldberg commuted from her home on Cayuga Lake. Later in the morning **Joanne Eastburn** Cyprus and **Dede Brennan** Daly were seen headed to President Skorton's talk on the State of the University. Dede is retired and living near Annapolis, but has a part-time job as a "gofer" with the state legislature. Among her duties: keeping lobbyists out of the way when legislation is being voted on. One of the avid birders in the class, **Jeanne Waters** Townsend took advantage of the beautiful Saturday morning to visit the Ornithology Lab at Sapsucker Woods.

A little after noon, 500-plus of us assembled in the Duffield Hall courtyard for the class photo, in which many classmates, **Jerry Neuman** Held being one of them, were wearing their '57 hats, a Reunion souvenir. **Sue Davidson** Braun was managing the steps rather well, given her recent back surgery. Lining up for lunch in Duffield's Nanotechnology Center were **Alberta Clayton** Meade, **Susie Howe** Hutchins, **Connie Kelly** Fletcher, **Elaine Goldberg** Abelson, and **Barbara Timen** Holstein. Lots of shutterbugs were active, including **Gail Lautzenheiser** Cashen and **Shari Flynn**. (For a photo gallery of our 50th Reunion, go to www.kodakgallery.com/57aclassact/50threunion.) The afternoon gave some a chance to peruse the memorabilia set out for us by **Martie Ballard** Lacy. Martie has compiled scrapbooks for our class and sends appreciation to **Phyllis Whithed** Spielmann and others who contributed to our historical exhibit.

Late Saturday afternoon, buses took us from our class headquarters to one of the more lovely settings at Cornell—the Plantations—for a cook-out enjoyed by, among others, **Sue Shindler** Hillier, **Jan Nelson** Cole, **Nancy Kressler** Lawley, and **Mina Rieur** Weiner, who had loaned some of her collection of art works to the Johnson Museum.

A special Sunday morning brunch featured omelets to order and some last good-bys before heading to the airport or off on the highway to home. Or in the case of **Gina Turnbull** Christie, back to her camp on Fourth Lake, and **Betty Rice** Keane, back to Saranac Lake for the summer. A memorial service was held after breakfast to remember our deceased classmates. Many of us were saddened to learn that **Helen Kuver Kramer** had passed away a few weeks before Reunion. Our sympathies are extended to her husband **Ron**, MBA '57. ♦ **Judith Reusswig**, 19 Seburn Dr., Bluffton, SC 29909; e-mail, JCreuss@aol.com.

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Louis Matura (loumat@onemain.com) wrote late last year that he hoped to partially retire this year from sales with a Canadian trucking company. Lou was amazed at the building projects on campus during a recent visit, but that just brought up one of his fondest memories: walking down Tower Road after a lab when it was snowing and the chimes were playing Christmas carols. **Ruth Lipson Brown** and husband **Bennet '57** still reside in Los Angeles, where Ruth is semi-retired as a clinical social worker. She's recovering from foot and back surgeries, but doing well and continuing to enjoy live theater (as reflected in her e-mail address, brown@stellarprod.com) and dancing. Ruth most remembers her junior-senior roommate **Janet Hoffman** Gardner, who died in 2005 after a valiant fight against cancer.

D. Alan Hershey continues to preside over Energy Systems Co. in the Rochester area and finds time for golf and boating at his Oneida Lake cottage. **Anita Podell** Miller and husband **Ned** have been traveling—Eastern Europe, the Mediterranean, Hawaii—but she feels she'd better be finding an additional retirement activity to keep her mentally stimulated. As winter approaches, Anita has a fond seasonal remembrance from Cornell: trudging through the snow to Andrew Hacker's breakfast seminars held in the Straight.

Jack Weaver reports via e-mail that he enjoys his role as dean of Esperanza College, a branch campus of Eastern U. serving the Latino community in Philadelphia. The two-year college confers an AA diploma and provides instruction both in Spanish and English, offering concentrations in business, communications, and early childhood education. Jack (baritone) and wife **Linda** (alto) sing in a community chorus based in Princeton and returned in July from a concert tour of Bavaria, northern Italy, and Venice. **Wilmer Maxham** (vtmax@valley.net) retired and sold the family homestead last year, moving to a courtyard home in Wilder, VT, where he's active on the local board of civil authority. An old Cornell friend he'd like to hear from is **Glen Giles**.

From Tulsa, OK, comes word from **Ellen Gussman Adelson** and husband **Steve '55** that the family is keeping busy there, including participation in a charity run in which they registered as "Ellen's Fleet Flock of Flycatchers." Ellen still has a private psychotherapy practice, is an active birder, and plans to get back into biking, along with the family's hiking and running activities. A retired Cornell Trustee, she is active on many local boards, including the U. of Tulsa board. She most fondly remembers her friends at Cornell, many of whom she keeps in touch with, as well as Prof. **Urie Bronfenbrenner '38** and meeting Steve. She'd very much like to hear from **Miriam Nusbaum** Eisen. Ellen can be reached at stellen@aol.com.

Betty Ann Fong Zuzolo continues directing the Chambers Lab for Micromanipulation. She and **Ralph** share their time residing either at Washington Square Village in NYC or in outlying Mt. Vernon, NY. Betty Ann says she "works with students on their projects and keeps the lab functioning, but also finds time for opera at the Met, some gardening at home, and enjoying dinners with friends." **Bob Mayer** (bobmay13@aol.com)

"spent a great long weekend last year in Vail celebrating **Mike Griffinger's** 70th. Despite the number of lawyers, it was a lot of nostalgia and fun." He also said he "shoots his age in golf," which sounds great! Bob writes, "I plan to travel a lot more once my wife Susan retires." He works, too, as a financial consultant at Wachovia Securities in upstate New Jersey, but presumably has more flexibility. An old Cornell friend Bob would like to hear from is **Bob Bayer '57**, BME '58, and his wife **Audrey (Bard) '59**.

Carol Hencle Merrell and husband **Harold "Pete" '57**, MS '59, spend their time on Merrell Farms in Wolcott, NY, where Carol says her day job is "feeding dairy calves." She actually has many other down-home activities like quilting, church choir and committees, Cornell Cooperative Extension in Wayne County, lay preaching, and enjoying the grandchildren and their activities. Carol asks if she gets to choose a different favorite Cornell remembrance each year. (The answer is yes, Carol! Sometimes those remembrances change with time.) Hers for this year is remembering the Saturday night dinners in the dorms during freshman year: the tablecloths, the candles, and the "Evening Song." (One wonders if such pleasant, civilized events still happen on campus these days; does anyone know? Ask your Cornell grandchildren and tell us, please.) Carol would very much like to hear from **Sue Goddard, DVM '60**.

We have good news about **Jerry Irish** (jirish@pomona.edu), professor of religion and religious studies since 1986 at Pomona College in Claremont, CA. Jerry just won his third special student-voted award, called the Wig Award, for excellence in teaching. He gets high marks and great comments from his students there, teaching in his "areas of expertise centering on religious ethics, feminist theology, and ideas of God." Congratulations, Jerry. **Roger and Irene Rizzi Metzger** planned a 50th wedding anniversary celebration this past September. Rog and Irene married at the beginning of their senior year so they're ahead of most of us. At this writing, **Connie Case Haggard** and I, along with **Marilyn Zeltner Teel** and husband **Larry '57**, BME '60, and **Lyn Nehrbus Alexander '57** hope to help them celebrate in their longtime hometown of East Aurora, NY. **Fred Clark** sent an e-mail in late July: "I am still going 'full speed' in my law practice in Savannah, GA. The lawyers in the class should be interested in the fact that I was involved in a case involving maritime law and governmental law and I was successful in having the US Supreme Court grant certiorari—meaning the court agreed to rule on the case—and it resulted in a reversal of the lower courts' decisions."

If you read the neat article in the summer issue of this magazine called "A Rivalry Renewed" (p.14), the following note from **Jim Harper** will have special relevance. Jim sent this in as part of our run-up to Reunion: "The class is organizing a '58 section to see the Big Red take on the Boston U. Terriers in ice hockey at Madison Square Garden on Saturday, November 24. There will be a reception and buffet at 5:30, with the game to follow. To reserve your spot at the reception, go to www.alumni.cornell.edu/bigred and click on 'Red Hot Hockey.' For game tickets

and how to connect with the classmates who will be there, call **Alan Goldman** at (973) 509-8356." I hope many '58ers can attend.

The desk and computer now are bare. I send greetings to all for the holidays as you celebrate them with family and friends. Send a note before we all meet in June in a great New Year. ♦ **Dick Haggard**, dhaggard@voicenet.com; **Jan Arps Jarvie**, jjarvie@sbcglobal.net. Class website, for other news and events of the class, <http://classof58.alumni.cornell.edu>.

59 Back in autumn of 1958, after a rousing night of partying in the Albany/Schenectady area, **Gary Randorf**, MS '71, and a friend slept at a fraternity brother's home in Glens Falls. The next day, his host's father, a pilot, wanted to show the two young men the vastness and wildness of Adirondack Park. "I was dumbfounded," writes Gary. "We flew over countless lakes and forest lands, with little sign of human manipulation. A six-million-acre wilderness park in Upstate New York—how could that be? After getting an MS in Natural Resources from Cornell, I was recruited to join the fledgling Adirondack Park Agency staff, spending over 30 subsequent years with the agency and then becoming the founding executive director of the preservationist NGO, the Adirondack Council. Along the way I learned that the park was the most written about in the world, but strangely enough there had not been an artistic photography book that also told the full story of this amazing park. So I decided to fill the gap." In 2002, Johns Hopkins U. Press published Gary's *The Adirondacks: Wild Island of Hope*, which is available in many bookstores in the Northeast and from Amazon "for a nicely discounted price."

On September 16, **Dick Vincent** was honored by the Upstate New York Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame at a banquet in Rochester, for his contributions to the sport, including having been a positive role model to younger wrestlers. He was introduced by classmate—and fellow wrestler—**Dave Dunlop**. "I still follow Cornell wrestling very closely, and I'm excited about this honor," said Dick during a telephone conversation. A resident of Houston, TX, Dick has a well-deserved reputation as a giant in the food industry. He retired from Mars a number of years ago, and from Riviana more recently. Today he's involved with biofuels. He's on the board of Patriot Biofuels, an Arkansas-based biodiesel company, and gives talks on biofuels to American Management Assn. groups here and in Europe. Dick is on the Cornell Council and the university's Biological and Environmental Engineering Advisory Council—as well as the Food Science and Nutrition Council at Texas A&M. Recent travels have included a trip to Japan, where his son teaches English in a Tokyo suburb.

Phil, JD '65, and **Eleanor McCarthy** have new addresses in Vero Beach, FL, Chatham, NJ, and Sedgwick, ME. Phil is retired but continues to run Summit Angel Group, an angel investor in venture capital deals and real estate. He stays in touch with many of our classmates through mini-reunions in Florida and sailing trips in Maine. "Thank God for Dave Dunlop," he writes, "who

keeps me very well posted on Cornell friends." **Nancy Hewitt** Holler of Auburn, ME, writes that her present "day job" seems to be "keeping up with all the paperwork our life seems to generate." She also enjoys the "detective work" of hunting down information for her family's genealogy. **Sallie Sook** Joachim of Lake Placid also researches her family history, and finds time for singing, gardening, and, until recently, teaching an English class or two at North Country Community College. **Carol Vieth** Mead of Palos Verdes Estates, CA, volunteers for two philanthropic groups and occasionally works part-time as a private secretary. She took her first CAU trip in January, to Moscow and St. Petersburg—"Loved it!"

Benson Simon, MBA '62, of Laurel, MD, was co-chair for the Johnson School's 45th Reunion this past June. He and his wife Mary Ellen were in France in May and Martinique in July. Last year, together with **Alan** and **Dee Rosenthal**, they took a Smithsonian tour of St. Petersburg. Photography is one of Benson's prized pastimes; earlier this year some of his photos and Mary Ellen's paintings were on exhibit in a local show. Another travelin' couple is **Bill** and **Sue Mattison Fraser** of Greensboro, NC. They recently packed up their van and toured the US for ten weeks. Keeping up with their growing family—they now have 12 grandchildren—keeps them busy, as do church and community activities.

Carl and **Nancy Hedden** have downsized to a smaller house at Eagle Rock Resort in Hazelton, PA, the largest planned development in Pennsylvania, where there are plenty of amenities to attract their four children and seven grandchildren. Carl has taken up tennis again and finds time to fly a glider and maintain his old Ferrari. No one can possibly think of '59ers as couch potatoes, but most of us aren't in the same league as **Paul Marcus** of Greenwich, CT. Paul's still playing ice hockey, in an over-70 league and an over-40 league. Meanwhile, he continues to work full-time as a food broker; his firm, Paul Charles Ltd., specializes in poultry, cheese, and cheese-cakes. ♦ **Jenny Tesar**, 97A Chestnut Hill Village, Bethel, CT 06801; tel., (203) 792-8237; e-mail, jet24@cornell.edu.

60 **Marilyn MacKenzie** Montgomery survived a frightening ordeal in May when she entered the hospital for what was supposed to be a routine placement of stents in her heart and unexpectedly had to undergo open-heart surgery, which was followed a few days later by massive pulmonary embolisms in both lungs and several days in a coma. Fortunately, as of August, she says, "I'm pretty much back to normal now and enjoying life in Sag Harbor!" Feeling well enough at last to send news, Marilyn reports that she and Robert came back to the US in fall 2005 after living in England for 16 years. "Before returning, we backpacked through most of the old Eastern Bloc for three and a half months, starting in Estonia and working our way down to Turkey and over to the Greek Islands and Italy. It was a fantastic trip!" Their daughter **Monica**, who studied computer engineering at Bucknell and now works for Hewlett Packard in

Maryland, was married in October 2006 in Disney World, an event that was, says Marilyn, "a great party."

In a recent e-mail, **Leigh Buchanan** Bienen sends greetings "from Cornell, where I am visiting with my husband for a couple of days. Henry is here as chair of a committee on the social sciences at Cornell, and I am doing research on my newest book and Web project, whose subject is **Florence Kelley**, the first factory inspector in Illinois. She was an 1882 graduate of Cornell and an 1895 graduate of the Northwestern U. School of Law." Both Bienes are still happily employed at Northwestern. Henry has been president since January 1995, and Leigh, a criminal defense attorney, is senior lecturer in the School of Law and director of the Chicago Historical Homicide Project, an analysis of 11,000 murders during a 60-year period (www.homicide.northwestern.edu). Leigh says, "It is a real treat to be back at Cornell, which looks just beautiful. Unfortunately, none of our three children graduated from Cornell, but we have our hopes up for the grandchildren, some of whom seem to be talented in the direction of science and engineering." She notes that she keeps in touch with **Muriel Rosenthal Bell**, MA '61, who is an editor at Stanford U. Press, and with **Marcia Bourgin Baker** '59, formerly a professor of physics at the U. of Washington, and adds, "I hope to make the 50th Reunion!"

William Flanagan of Colonial Heights, VA, a retired Army officer, is state president of the Military Officers Association of America, and reports that he greeted President George W. Bush when he spoke at the organization's national meeting in September 2006. Bill and Diane had their sixth grandchild at the end of last year and made trips to California to visit their daughter Taimi and her husband, a US Marine stationed at Camp Pendleton, and their son Bill, who lives in Berkeley. Bill reports that he plans on attending our 50th Reunion.

"Being a retired wife and mother limits me to certain activities," says **Miriam Strigle** Glister, "but I do try to keep up with Cornell activities and classmates when possible." She recently visited with **Patricia Hamilton** of Colts Neck, NJ, **Ruth Richardson** Meier of Princeton Junction, NJ, and **Elaine Moody** Pardoe of Columbia, MD, and traveled to the Binghamton area to help her son Owen, a medical student, move into a house near the hospitals where he will be doing rotations during his third year. The parents of two of the Glisters' eight grandchildren are their daughter **Gwendolyn Glister John** '98 and her husband **Suresh** '98. "When time allows," says Miriam, "I enjoy babysitting for the little ones."

Laurence Dornstein reports that "all is well in balmy Los Angeles," where he lives in the Beverly Hills section with his wife Judith. Both Dornsteins are attorneys. Their daughter Courtney, who graduated from Penn in 2002, is a travel agent in Venice, CA, and spends her free time in far-flung places from the Caribbean to Tanzania, where she recently went on a two-week safari. **Barbara Baillet** Moran wrote from Greensboro, NC, to send thanks to "the many Cornellians who purchased copies of *Voices of the Silent Generation* by mail, through the website, or from bookstores.

The first edition is now virtually sold out." Her book, published by Avisson and subtitled *Strong Women Tell Their Stories*, is a collection of oral histories of women of our generation, including that of classmate **Ginny Seipt**. Barbara was "especially gratified by the men, as well as women, who wrote to say the book illuminated social and political events of their own youth and helped them to appreciate the times in new ways."

'A six-million-acre wilderness park in Upstate New York—how could that be?'

GARY RANDORF '59

Several classmates presumably enlightened themselves by participating in Cornell Adult University study tours during the past year. **Paul Anbinder** of Dobbs Ferry studied Opera in Santa Fe, NM; **David Atkinson** of Yardley, PA, watched Fall Migration at Cape May, NJ; **Willis Clark** enrolled in Crossing Gibraltar; **Jim and Betty Abraham Dowd** of Dowagiac, MI, learned about Personality and Politics; and **Evalyn Edwards** Milman of Darien, CT, a noted baseball aficionado, attended Take Me Out to the Ballgame. Keep the news coming! ♦ **Judy Bryant** Wittenberg, 146 Allerton Rd., Newton, MA 02461; e-mail, jw275@cornell.edu.

61 Class VP **Jon Greenleaf** writes, "Thought I'd give you an update on what's happening in Santa Barbara: My wife Barbara (Vassar '63) and I produce the Santa Barbara Jewish Film Festival (www.sbjff.com) and publish the quarterly magazine *Jewish Film World* (www.jewishfilmworld.com). Barbara writes many of the articles and sells the advertising, while I design the book. We used to be retired, but Barbara got restless and I'm along for the ride! In addition, this fall I'll be teaching a course, Relationship Selling, at Santa Barbara City College. We revel in our grandchildren Megan, Cornell Class of '22, and Ben, Class of '27. They're a wonderful counterbalance to our working life, as is a weekly golf game. Inspired by David McCullough's fabulous book *Path Between the Seas*, we recently returned from a two-week trip through the Panama Canal and the rainforests of Costa Rica. The canal was wonderful. The rainforests you can keep!"

Joel Blatt of NYC is an associate professor at the Stamford campus of the U. of Connecticut, where he teaches European history. **Humberto Cordero**, ME '63, writes from Boca Raton, FL, and tells us about his cruising adventures. He has cruised the Baltic, the Mexican Riviera, and the main European rivers—the Danube, the Rhine, and the Main. He spends winters in Puerto Rico and would like to hear from **Jerry Christen**. **Peggy Thomas** of Ridgefield, CT, loves life as it is! She is a potter, and her card reads, "The Pottery, Peggy Thomas." Retired, she is active in therapy dog work and competes in dressage training with her wonderful thoroughbred horse.

Thanks to **Gail McDougall** for her letter from North Rose, NY. She sent a business card showing photos of her personally designed jewelry, which look beautiful. Gail, you are a very talented lady. Keep on creating. She loves travel and sailing, remembers her time in DG, and would like to hear from **Susie Goodspeed** Anderson. **Frances Shapiro** Ivker lives in Hoover, AL, and travels three days a month to New Orleans to see former

patients in a gyn office there. This leaves time for Cajun and contra-dancing and a trip to Israel. She visited the north with six grandchildren (three American and three Israeli) and their parents. From the top of Mt. Meiron, Frances viewed Syria and Lebanon and noted that the cleanup goes on at a rapid pace. **Gerald Schneider** of Kensington, MD, says that he is semi-retired but has many activities to report. He is a part-time program assistant for a Montgomery County multi-service senior center, founder and director of the Radio and Television Museum in Bowie, MD, and director of the Alumni Association of the Union Inst. and University (where he earned his PhD). Gerald continues to write letters to the editors of local periodicals and gets published about once a month. In answer to the question of what he'd rather be doing now, Gerald answers, "I would rather be securing peace in the Middle East."

Barbara Jacobs Mitnick sent exciting news: "President Bush appointed me to serve on the President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, which seeks to foster the arts and humanities in the US and internationally. In April 2007, the committee met with Mexican officials in El Paso and in Mexico. In early June, the committee served as the first cultural delegation to the People's Republic of China. The successful trip to Shanghai, Xian, and Beijing included meetings with the Chinese Ministry of Culture and dinner with the US Ambassador. The result was the signing of an accord for cultural exchange between the US and China." Congratulations, Barbara! Fellow Cornellian **Eileen Corwin** Mason '64 is an important member of the delegation, holding the position of senior deputy chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts.

I, **Joanna McCully**, floated along the Nile last spring for seven glorious days, stopping daily to view any ruins the tour guide could dig up. While every temple, pyramid, and tomb we saw was astounding, the way the Egyptians guarded us was even more surprising. Everywhere we went, from Alexandria to Cairo to Abu Simbel and return, we were guarded with armed police and the Egyptian Army and Navy. Every tour bus had a plain-clothes escort with a pistol on his hip. The river ship had a machine gun mounted on the stern deck with two sailors always in position. A harbor police boat circled the surrounding waterfront

and our boat when we cruised and when we docked. And, on an excursion to a civic center, police stopped traffic on all the intersections so we could sail right through. The only groups missing were the Egyptian Air Force and the Marines. I have never felt so secure in my life.

Doug and I could really use some news from all of you. It's difficult to write about the class of '61 without your help! It only takes a few minutes to e-mail us at: ❖ **Joanna McCully**, joanna.celticlad@comcast.net; or **Doug Fuss**, dougout@attglobal.net. And our outstanding class website is well worth a look, at <http://www.cornell61.org>.

62 Your class officers for the next five years were chosen at Reunion. They are **Alex Vollmer**, MCE '64, who will continue as class president; **Mike Duesing**, vice president; **Sandy Wills Van Velzer**, secretary; **Bob Wood**, treasurer; **Ruth Holzapfel** Fortkamp, Cornell Annual Fund representative; **Mike Eisgrau**, newsletter editor; **Alan Flaherty**, webmaster; and **Jan McClayton** Crites, BS HE '61, class correspondent. Class historians are **Judy Prenske Rich** and **Peter Slater**. Reunion co-chairs for the Fabulous Fiftieth are **Ruth Zimmerman** Bleyler, **Nancy Williams** Clark, MED '64, **Don Juran**, **John Lowrie**, and **Frank Quirk**. MBA '64. In addition, 23 other classmates are serving as class council members.

Jeremy Banta, an important collector of American folk art and folk pottery, died last year after a prolonged struggle with cancer. Jerry was

an energetic and keen businessman who, with his brother **George '57**, owned motels and restaurants under Banta Holdings Co. based in Poughkeepsie. As related by his longtime companion, **Ainsley Roth**, Jerry's first exposure to American folk art was the result of seeking out decorations for one of the Banta restaurants. By the 1970s, Jerry had begun to collect some of the rarest American folk pottery, particularly early decorated stoneware, that has emerged in the last 35 years. A few of his pieces are illustrated in the book *American Stonewares: The Art and Craft of Utilitarian Potters*. By the time Jerry had decided to sell most of his collection at Sotheby's, it was noted how much his collecting interests had expanded in the last 20 years to encompass choice mini-collections within collections of toleware, painted furniture, game boards, paintings, sculpture, and fine decorated stoneware. "There are some collections that have value only because of the objects that are in them and there are others that have a value-added feature because of the character of the person who formed them. We will miss seeing Jerry Banta's special eye at work, but we will miss his authentic gentle soul more," concluded his obituary.

It's a pleasure to have a fresh crop of new forms that have arrived with your dues. Several classmates are enjoying unique activities. **Jennifer Shaw** (shaw000@earthlink.net) is with an occupational health clinic in San Francisco. "Not doing surgery now," she writes, "but current job has no nights or weekends, so there's lots of time for belly dancing!" The business card of **Rita Milkman Gershengorn** (rmg42@cornell.edu) proclaims that Rita & The Comets are a "(mostly) a cappella singing group" that performs around the Bay Area. Rita tutors elementary school students in addition to creating arrangements for the singing group. She and **Kent '61** live in San Rafael, CA. Upholstering and refinishing furniture are among **Neil Schilke**, MME '64's activities. In addition to his consulting firm, Schilke Systems Engineering, Neil is managing director of SAE Automotive Resources Inst. Home for Neil and Ro (neroschilke@aol.com) is Rochester Hills, MI. They've enjoyed traveling with **Fred** and **Betsy Hart**, Mike and Joan Duesing, and Frank and Betty Quirk.

Priscilla Snow Algava (palgava@sbschools.org) teaches art at South Brunswick (NJ) High School and does painting, drawing, and printmaking. Priscilla is on the board of Trenton City Museum. Her husband is **Martin Silverman '61**. Mystery + Mayhem is the name of actress **Judy Rosenblatt's** entertainment company. She writes murder mysteries in which the guests become crime suspects. At the time she wrote, Judy (mitzvahzoe@aol.com) was playing the part of Peggy Guggenheim in Eve Wolf's "theatrical concert" at the Florence Gould Theatre in Manhattan. **Jeff Blumenthal** (djb36@cornell.edu) is vice president of Blumenthal-Hart Ltd., after retiring from Follett. Jeff also consults with the Chicago Public Schools, and his after-hours activities include riding a Kawasaki Vulcan Drifter in the Chaiway Riders, a Jewish motorcycle gang in Chicago.

Sailing in the Seychelles for two weeks is a recent highlight for **Ron Cassie** (ronc@cassie.com). When not sailing, Ron is president of the Cassie-Shipherd Group, executive searchers in

Toms River, NJ. Substitute teaching and tutoring occupy **Barbara Hammond** Goldstein when she and Joseph aren't traveling from Amherst, MA, to see friends and family, "particularly two adorable grandchildren in California." She's a member of book and gourmet groups and serves on several volunteer boards. **Alfredo Gomez** (INTREC1@aol.com) is a professor at Broward (FL) Community College and Florida Atlantic U. He enjoys tennis and travel and has been creating websites recently.

Robert '59 and **Sonnie Rudgers Dunne**, BS HE '61 (dunnes@centurytel.net) just built a "green" house in Ashland, WI. Bo's brother, classmate **Denis Dunne**, is also retired, living in Winnetka, IL. Denis (denisdunne@aol.com) is recovering from recent shoulder surgery and enjoys fishing, reading, and bird-hunting with his dog. Enjoying urban life in Seattle are Cor and **Pat Rice** DeHart. Their activities include wine collecting, traveling, and, recently, spending time with their first grandchild, Mya, born last February. Pat (mpdehart@comcast.net) is an epidemiologist with the Washington State Dept. of Health and sings in a choral group.

Don't forget to send along a copy of your holiday letter so that your classmates can learn of your 2007 activities. Happy Holidays to all! ❖ **Jan McClayton** Crites, 9420 NE 17th St., Clyde Hill, WA 98004; e-mail, jmc50@cornell.edu.

63 I received a wonderful e-mail from **Vivian Grilli** De Santo regarding the trip back to Vivian's ancestors' homeland—Italy. She and husband Marty spent the first week of their tour in Sicily visiting the towns of Palermo, Cefalù, Segesta, Agrigento, the area around Mt. Etna, and Siracusa. From there they went back to the mainland to Sorrento, Naples, and Pompeii. They were entertained by a local family in Sorrento and overcome by sadness and amazed at what they saw at Pompeii. After a ferry trip to Capri and a bus ride across the "Mama Mia" bridge to Anacapri, they boarded a bus for a ride along the Amalfi Coast. The highlight of their visit to Rome was receiving special tickets to the Pope's general Wednesday audience. They sat in the front row (behind barricades) just to the left of the Pope. They had an opportunity to find a picture of themselves in the gallery afterwards, a photo of them just as they were about to shake hands with the Pope—a very special remembrance. After leaving the organized tour, they rented a car and headed for Montemarciano, the town where Vivian's father and grandparents were born. Their stay included meetings with cousins, searching the archives for the family history, and visiting the cemetery where family was buried and finding those graves by "happenstance." I could have used her e-mail as a whole column!

Alan and **Gail Borsari** live in Fullerton, CA. Alan is an invasive cardiologist at St. Jude Medical Center, St. Joseph Health Care System, specializing in patients with congestive heart failure. Their three sons—David, an attorney, Brad, a physician, and Craig, vice president of the Ultimate Fighting competition—are all married. There are a combined four grandchildren, with two on the way. The Borsaris have vacationed in Europe, China, India, and the Panama Canal. **Cesar Montilla Jr.**



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is senior VP and managing director of Eurobank in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

There occasionally is sad news to report. I received a note from **John Peters, DVM '62**, reporting the death of his wife **Betsy (Bach)** from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. Betsy was a Kappa Delta and it was sad to hear of her death.

Keith, DVM '67, and **Robin Olin** live in New Holland, PA. After a double hip replacement in 2005, Keith went back to practicing veterinary medicine, specializing in large animals. Their five married children have eight children among them and live in New Hampshire, Boston, and Pennsylvania. Keith and Robin visited Ithaca for Robin's 50th high school reunion and had fun seeing Cornell again as well. They also took a three-week trip in 2006 to the Greek Islands and the western half of Turkey. Classmate **Abraham Dresden**, formerly Russ Bevis, was also on the tour. Abraham is a semi-retired attorney living in California. Keith's hobbies are organic gardening, house restorations, and watching "American Idol" and "Prison Break" on TV.

Martin and **Stephanie Krasner** are in New Rochelle, NY. Every winter they rent the same home on the beach in Virgin Gorda, BVI, for a month with their two married children and their families. Martin is still partner and CEO of TCJC, the company he founded 22 years ago. The company specializes in programs and merchandise for QVC. Some of his leisure activities include tennis, platform tennis, and step aerobics. **David** and **Shirley Ellis Cosson** write from Potomac, MD. David has a legal practice in Washington, DC, primarily focusing on rural telephony and other telecommunications issues. He has scaled back work a bit so he can explore the outdoors with his canoe, kayak, cross-country skis, hiking boots, mountain bikes (whew!), and camping gear. Shirley started teaching meditation and metaphysics in their local community center about five years ago. After two years, she officially opened as a small business: Seven Minute Meditation: the technique for busy people. She also offers intuitive counseling and spiritual healing and is a Reiki master (a specific healing method). She offers meditation instruction via her website, www.SevenMinuteMeditation.com. David and Shirley's son Chuck is a public policy attorney with Microsoft in Bellevue, WA. Other son Steve is founder and artistic director of the Civilians, an Obie and Scottish Fringe Festival award-winning New York theater company.

Ruediger and **Julie Milligan** Flik divide their time between Mamaroneck, NY, and Key Biscayne, FL. Julie is still working for Compass Group, but her involvement with the National Restaurant Association is winding down. She is still involved in their advisory committee on apprenticeship, an appointment by Dept. of Labor Secretary Chao. Julie and Ruediger have six grandchildren thanks to their three children. Recent travels were to Bhutan, Mongolia, China, Antarctica, and Panama. Julie sees Chuck and **Marcie Bergren** Pine frequently. They also purchased their Florida ocean-front townhouse from **Mark and Carolyn Press Landis '65**. A small world! That's all for now. ❖ **Nancy Bierds** Icke, 12350 E. Roger Rd., Tucson, AZ 85749; e-mail, icke63@msn.com.

64 Not much room for news this month. But we'll catch up in the Jan/Feb '08 column. Instead, we have an important message from classmate **Ted Weinreich** regarding donations from our class to the Cornell community. Here it is, edited and rewritten for space:

"We are an amazing class. For almost 45 years, we have invested in the future of Cornellians, beginning with the creation of the Class of '64 JFK Scholarship Fund, started during our undergraduate years. Through your generosity this fund has grown to become a meaningful endowment, annually giving a \$10,000 scholarship to a qualified graduate student planning to enter public service. More than 40 Cornellians have been granted the JFK scholarship, thanks to your generosity. The class is currently investigating opportunities to fund other scholarships or programs at the university.

"The other scholarship with which the Class of '64 chose to be involved is the Cornell Tradition. Many Cornellians have availed themselves of funds from this source because our class has channeled donations to this endowment.

"June 2009 will be here before we realize it. Why not renew friendships made on the Hill more than 45 years ago (many of us men were freshmen in University Halls 1-6 in 1960-61), and plan a long weekend vacation in Ithaca? How many Cornell friends are you still in touch with regularly (not including, for many of us, your spouse!)? Who do you remember from your years on the Hill whom you might like to see and catch up with? Call these people now and renew friendships via fax or phone, e-mail or snail mail. Reactivate long-dormant connections, then plan to be on the Hill in June 2009 for the Class of '64 45th Reunion. And while you're there, be sure to go to the Class of '64 gazebo at Cornell Plantations, where you can relax and meditate on all the good you and your classmates have done."

Thank you, Ted. Now, to round out this month's column, some classmate news. **Stephen Lewenberg** reports he's a "mostly retired" lawyer. He and wife Liz live in Newton, MA, where he is in his 55th sailing season, currently with a 34-foot Catalina he sails out of Martha's Vineyard and Menemsha. He encourages all classmates who are nearby and have a sailing itch to please call him. Author **Joseph Bruchac**, who lives with wife Carol in Greenfield Center, NY, copped two awards for his tales of the West. He received the Spur Award from Western Writers of America for his novel *Geronimo*, and the 2006 Award of the American Indian Library Assn. for his novel *Hidden Roots*.

Finally, orthodontist **Alice Schwartz** Chabora-Tobias, PhD '67, reports she's "loving retirement," having left her practice six years ago. Husband **Gerald Tobias '60, DVM '62**, retired from his veterinary practice six years earlier. They are enjoying tennis, bridge, reading, kayaking, biking, hiking, and travel. Their recent travels rival the September column catalogue of **Bill Frommer's** far-flung journeys, with the Tobiases having visited India, Vietnam, Cambodia, the Czech Republic, and Russia within the past two years, all in addition to wintering in Arizona. The permanent Tobias home is in Bayside, NY.

That's it for now. Please send info about your doings on the news form or e-mail it to me. Or use the link on our class website, <http://classof64.alumni.cornell.edu>. I need your input to fill our column. ❖ **Bev Johns** Lamont, 720 Chestnut St., Deerfield, IL 60015; e-mail, blamont@tribune.com.

65 As usual, classmates continue to define their lives in many ways. Some of us are continuing to work at our original careers, others try new and different fields, some are exploring new and different areas by traveling, and some find other avenues to enhance their lives.

Anne Evans Estabrook, MBA '66, was honored by Partnership in Philanthropy at the organization's May 3 Annual Dinner/Cabaret Fundraising Gala at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center in Newark. A prominent member of New Jersey's business community, Anne is also president of David O. Evans Inc., a property management and construction company. Partnership in Philanthropy recognized her numerous contributions to the nonprofit world and leadership in and enhancement of civic, cultural, and business communities throughout the state. A longtime member of Industrial and Office Properties, Anne was its chairman in 2001 and currently serves as a director of the Federal Home Loan Bank-New York. From 2003-05, Anne served as chairman of the State of New Jersey Chamber of Commerce, the first woman ever to hold that position. In 2006, New Jersey governor Jon Corzine appointed her to the New Jersey Economic Growth Council.

New York governor Eliot Spitzer has chosen Trustee Emeritus **John Dyson** to serve on the newly formed NYS Commission on Higher Education. The 30-member commission examines higher education in the state and makes recommendations to the governor and legislature about possible improvements. **Gerald Arkin** of Peachtree City, GA, has served as assistant dean of the Griffin campus of the U. of Georgia for nearly 20 years and in July 2006 was promoted to assistant provost of the campus. On our own campus, **Robert Johnson** has managed Cornell's research ponds for 42 years. As an undergrad, Robert helped build nearly half of the 91 ponds before becoming their first and only manager. The ponds are used by Cornell faculty, students, and visiting scientists to learn about larger aquatic ecosystems. Past topics include territorial behavior of green frogs, the efficacy of aquatic pesticides, habits of muskrats tracked via radio collars, and nesting habits of tree swallows.

Derek Hunt, JD '72, of Newport Beach, CA, writes: "After 25 years as a business trial lawyer in Los Angeles, I was appointed to the California Superior Court by former Gov. Pete Wilson in 1997. I sit in Orange County, which is a very large court (150 judicial officers)." Derek continues to specialize in complex business litigation. His older son **Geoffrey '03** graduated from Cornell and is close to receiving his PhD in microbiology from Princeton. Wife Amy is a community leader. Derek's spare time is devoted to reading what he was supposed to have read at Cornell and commenting on his blog.

Style Magazine of the *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* had an article in the April 1, 2007, edition about

a gala celebrating the local Cornell Club's 50th anniversary. Special guests included President Emeritus Frank Rhodes and his wife, Rosa. The event was chaired by **Patty Gros Bettle** and husband **Chip**. We thank **Barbara Green Bock '53** for the information. Living in Ithaca, NY, with wife Janet is **James Haldeman**. He is senior assoc. director of international programs for Cornell's Ag college. After-hours activities include working on a home renovation and having fun with his granddaughter. He would like to hear from **Thomas MacIver**. **George Timmer** of Tipp City, OH, is the president of Tip Top Canning Company. Relaxing time is spent hunting, fishing, golfing, and working around horses. George would like to hear from **Phil Richter**.

CAU courses appeal to many of us as a way to learn about topics of interest and reconnect with Cornell. **Penny Skitol Haitkin** and husband **Jeff '66** enrolled in PreReunion: Personality, Politics and 2006 Midterm Elections. **Arnie Rabinor** also enrolled in 2006 Midterm Elections. **David Wallenstein** enjoyed London Theatre and New York Theatre.

Sculptor **Joel Perlman** and his family call NYC home. Besides working in his studio, Joel enjoys taking his boys Jack and Sam to Rangers and Knicks games. Joel would like to hear from **Jon "Hugh" Stoumen**, BArch '66. **Meri Klorman Schreiber** writes from Massachusetts. She still teaches in a multiage first and second grade class and was recently voted Educator of the Year by the town of Easton, MA. In her spare time, she enjoys grandparenting. **Carol Sacks Sekura** and husband **Ronald, PhD '77**, call Rockville, MD, home. Carol is presently consulting to the biopharmaceutical industry. Spare time finds her raising orchids, quilting, and enjoying the company of her two grandchildren from daughter Robin, who is a pediatrician and lives in Denver.

Chairman of the board and CEO of Innovative Solutions and Support, **Geoffrey Hedrick** and wife Susan still live in Pennsylvania. **Stuart Ross** is an assistant director of research and development at U. of California, Irvine. And **David Brockway** and wife Marilyn live in Washington, DC, where David is a tax lawyer. Thanks for all the updates! Send additional news to us at: ♦ **Joan Elstein** Rogow, psuruts@aol.com; **Ronald Harris**, rsh28@cornell.edu; **Terry Kohleriter** Schwartz, Terryks7@aol.com.

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Thank you to all who responded to my e-mail call for column material. I will begin with my own news—that of the birth of a first grandchild, Jake Micah Gitner, born on March 24, 2007 to **Dan Gitner '92** and his wife Meredith. My husband Gerry and I and the new parents are thrilled with this addition to our family! Others who have recently become grandparents are **Rolf**, MS '67, and **Nancy Nystrom Frantz '68**, who welcomed Bryce Olivia Frantz, born to son Eric and wife Sherese ("Missy"), on July 19, 2007. **Arnie Berger**, PhD '71, became a grandfather for the first time on April 23, 2007 when his daughter Andrea gave birth to Maya Brooke Jacobson on April 23, 2007. Arnie says it's "kind of frustrating for him because he's in the other Washington (Seattle),

3,000 miles away." I recently attended a wedding in which Cornellians were present. Along with Gerry and me were the groom's parents, **Stan, JD '68**, and **Madeline Daub Kanter**, and **Matthew '64** and **Judy Jayson Sonfield**.

Congratulations to **Michael Chiu**, who writes that he was surprised by two Cornell-related recognitions: Hotelie of the Year West Award and the Frank H. T. Rhodes Exemplary Alumni Service Award. He travels to Singapore twice a year on behalf of Cornell for the Cornell Nanyang Graduate Hospitality Programme Advisory Board. He also tries to keep up with the latest developments at Cornell as trustee emeritus and as a presidential counselor. His two grandchildren are 10 and 6.

John Blackton has "retired" about half a dozen times. He finished a career in the Foreign Service and retired from a professorship at the National War College and from the directorship of a private firm in Cairo, Egypt. However, he continues to enjoy life in the venture capital world with Pappas Ventures, a life sciences-focused venture capital firm based in North Carolina. A major client is an Indian firm that causes him to travel back and forth to India. He has also vacationed in the Canadian Rockies. Sadly, he saw several classmates at the funeral of a mutual friend, including **Ron Goldstock**, **Rick Mezan**, **Bill Blockton**, **Rich Turbin**, **Steve Moldof**, and **Joe Jaffe**.

Bonnie Lazarus Wallace retired from a 30-year teaching career and is now able to travel around the world with her husband Steve as he lectures about dental implants. She has three granddaughters. Last fall she and her husband traveled to Switzerland, London, and Puerto Rico. Fellow correspondent **Susan Rockford** Bittker continues as laboratory research coordinator for the Division of Infectious Diseases at New York Medical College. She and husband Don have five grandchildren. Susan traveled to New Mexico last fall.

In honor of classmate **Ralph Janis's** retirement from the directorship of Cornell's Adult University, the class has authorized a gift to the Ralph Janis Seminar Fund from the class treasury. The fund was established last year in Ralph's honor, and one of the History courses each summer session will bear the title, Ralph Janis Seminar I History. Congratulations to Ralph!

Bill '65 and **Dotty Hoffman Fine** have been living in Dublin, Ireland, for more than a year now and like it, despite the recent 49 straight days of rain. They had a visit from **Steve**, PhD '72, and **Laura Purnell Krich '69**, MAT '71, on their way to Budapest and met up with them in Prague in August. Since living in Dublin, it's been an easy hop for them to London and Spain. This summer they flew to Poland and the Czech Republic for holidays. They welcome classmates and say they really do live in central Dublin—a walk from St. Stephen's Green.

The most exciting news in the past year for **Joyce Wilcox** Graff, MA '67, is that her son married a wonderful woman who brought with her "two adorable little boys." So now she is "officially a grandmother to two handsome lads." As for Joyce, the director of the National Cancer Inst., Dr. John Niederhuber, has recently appointed her to serve on his Consumer Liaison Group (DCLG). She says she appreciates this opportunity to serve

people with all kinds of cancers, and to help researchers move their laboratory research "to the bedside." **Tom Cullen**, PhD '83, is retired and living in Miami. He is enjoying theater, concerts, a new performing arts center, no snow, doing some volunteer work, and traveling for pleasure instead of work! He also does some consulting, but says, "Overall, it's more fun not working." His daughter **Siobhan '99** just graduated from Pepperdine Law School. ♦ **Deanne Gebell** Gitner, dgg26@cornell.edu; **Peter Salinger**, pas44@cornell.edu; and **Susan Rockford** Bittker, ladyscienc@aol.com.

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"We had a wonderful time at the 40th—the best reunion yet!" writes **Anne Sack Heybey** Wasciuk, MS '69, of Ann Arbor, MI (annehey@umich.edu), where she's with the School of Public Health. "I remarried in September 2003 to John Wasciuk of Grand Rapids," she reports. "I'm still using Heybey as a last name, in memory of my late husband **Otfried, PhD '69**, and just added Wasciuk to it. **Phyllis Bell** Jonas and **Joan Solomon** Weiss came out to our wedding to help us celebrate in Grand Rapids."

Jose Calle (New York City and Hillsdale, NY; josecalle@aol.com) is president of J. Calle Packaging Films Inc. "I continue to work, with a bit of traveling." He plans to retire in three years and writes that he's given some works to the Johnson Museum at Cornell, where he keeps in touch with director Frank Robinson. **Susan Dollinger** (South Salem, NY; sbdollinger@aol.com) is director, risk management, at Citigroup corporate and investment banking. "Retired" but not often "tired" of this state-of-being back and forth between Longport, NJ, and Scottsdale, AZ—what a wonderful combination!" observes **Candy Baldwin** Richards (candy@johandcandy.com). She writes, "I'm playing mah-jong, learning bridge (to be just a tad better than I was in the '60s), and enjoying many of the forensic TV shows. With the two different parts of the country, I love trying to capture that with my photography efforts and traveling. John and I have really covered quite a bit of Europe and the US."

Dennis Kakol, Purcellville, VA, is president of Contech, a construction cost consulting company for the construction, insurance, and legal industry. He is also enjoying his family, fly-fishing, and building a horse farm. He'd like to hear from **Jim Hyla**. **Randy Sierk** (Christiana, PA; RLSierk@epix.net) is a technical writer, but is also involved in Model A clubs, antique tractors, genealogy, Sunday school teaching, and choir, when not planning house renovations and working. He recalls the Mechanical Drawing Lab in Riley-Robb and would enjoy hearing from **Robert Rustin Johnson** from Maryland.

Cornell's Adult University (CAU) dispatched a report of our classmates who have journeyed last year with CAU. **Catherine Montgomery** Cray "crossed Gibraltar" on a program bridging the worlds of Morocco and Spain. **Kristl Bogue** Hathaway, PhD '76, traveled to Namibia for Water, Life, and Landscapes of Southern Africa; **Suzanne Valentine Whiting**, joined by **Richard, MD '69**, was on board the study tour Treasures of the Black Sea; and **Richard Tunick** went to India:

the Imagined, the Real, the Remembered. Kristl is in Deale, MD (kristlhathaway@earthlink.net) and notes, "The wonderful CAU trip to Namibia was our second to Africa (we went to Malawi/Zambia with **J.B. Heiser, PhD '81**, in 1999), and we can't wait to go again!" I'm waiting for the study tour to Cortland in search of Red Dragons.

Michael Platzer, MA/JD '71 (Vienna, Austria; michaelkplatzer@yahoo.com) is visiting professor at Bond U. in international relations and media studies, and engaged as well in a research project at the U. of Vienna Inst. of Criminology. He is a representative of the Int'l Commission on Prison Pastoral Care. He's been traveling to Burma, Thailand, New Zealand, and Australia and walks on the beach Down Under. **Jeffrey Rose** (Las Vegas, NV; vegasmuse@gmail.com) runs a securities broker-dealership in "green" investments and writes, "I seem to be one of the cadre overseeing new Black Rock City rangers for the Burning Man festival." ♦ **Richard B. Hoffman, 2925 28th St. NW, Washington, DC; tel., (202) 667-6481; e-mail, rhoffman@erols.com.**

68 At the outset, may I remind you to save June 5-8, 2008 for our 40TH REUNION! I know it's hard to believe! Reunion chair **Henry Siegel** and his committee are planning super events, and now is the time to mark your calendar and plan to meet friends next June. **Harrell Hunter Scarello** reports that she recently went to her husband **Paul '67's** 40th and says it was a wonderful weekend. "Highlights were laughing with friends as the years slipped away; listening to the hauntingly familiar notes of the Library Tower bells floating through the evening; sitting on a bench on the Arts Quad soaking in the sunlight; and the sense of returning to someplace very special. Ithaca in June is lovely. We hope we'll see '68 friends at our 40th next June!" While in Ithaca, Harrell saw classmates **Kathy Maney Fox, Jane Wallace Vaneman, Jane Marshall Richards**, and **Henry Siegel**.

Turning to some regular news. **Paul Chiu** reports from California that Bay Area brothers of Alpha Delta Phi have been getting together annually for a number of years. The last gathering, at Paul's house, included **Gordon Evans** and **Dave Teeters, MAT '69**. Since Gordon came from Napa, he brought the wine. Dave is an architect in Alameda, CA, and Paul does contract work in the computer field. **Virginia "Jennie" Zamora** is a board member at the PGH Medical Foundation in Manila, the Philippines. **Elliott Meisel** lives in NYC and is a partner with the law firm Brill & Meisel. Elliott is involved in developing "green" professional offices and affordable housing in the Hamptons, and he enjoys flying his plane. He keeps in touch with Cornell through his work on the Library Advisory Council. Elliott looks forward to seeing many friends at our upcoming 40th.

Gary Mols lives in British Columbia and owns a restaurant. His other activities include founding and directing the Vancouver Island Basketball Association. His Cornell memories include playing for the freshman basketball team in a preliminary game before Bill Bradley's Princeton vs. Cornell in Ithaca. Cornell upset the Tigers that day, who went on to great success that year—

1965. **Peter Bos** lives in Destin, FL, and is working hard as a real estate developer. Pete's son **Rik '00** has joined the family company, Legendary Inc., and his other son, Christopher, is in the construction business and presently working in Mississippi. **Helen Karel Dorman** lives in Millwood, NY, and is active as a residential real estate broker in Westchester County with Sotheby's Int'l Realty. Her husband Neal is a partner in a NYC law firm. Their daughter **Karen Dorman Kipnes '98** is an attorney and proud mom of their first grandchild. Younger daughter **Deborah '01** recently received her MBA from Columbia and married her high school sweetheart last June.

other manuscripts that are in the pipeline. In addition, William has ten seasons of counting birds for the Cornell Ornithology Lab's Citizen Science: Project Feeder Watch behind him. He also says, "I do something resembling golf." **Thomas Havens** is a database developer presently setting up a consulting business. He writes that his fondest Cornell memories are of participating in sports. He is still active, although golf is his game today. Thomas says that he would like to hear from **Richard Heath**. Another golfer, **Keith Reece** asked to hear from **Doug Teetor**. Keith described his "day job" as VP and general manager of BE&K-Delaware, an engineering and construction company.

‘Overall, it’s more fun not working.’

TOM CULLEN '66

Clarence Dunn has written his first book, *Adventures in Development*. It describes his exciting voyage touring the Cook Islands as he encountered rough seas, lush environments, and alternative ways of life. The journey began in 1981 when Clarence became a project manager for Int'l Human Assistance Program on the Cook Island of Rarotonga. He was charged with administering a rural development program among 15 islands scattered over the 770,000 square miles in the Polynesian Triangle. He notes, "Life in the islands is like taking a step back in time. However, if the purpose of life is the pursuit of happiness, Islanders have fulfilled that mission. They are genuinely happy and seem free from the burdens of daily life that are so pressing in modern society."

Martin Stern is executive VP and managing director of US Equities Realty, a commercial real estate firm based in Chicago. He recently received a major community service award for his many contributions to the Chicago area. This has included advising on historic redevelopment and city planning. Marty and his wife **Deborah (Katz) '69** live in Highland Park, near Chicago. **Dick Belsito** and wife Judy live in Lowell, AR, and he is with Tyson Foods. Dick's hobbies include golf and boating, and he enjoys his other homes in Florida and Michigan. Dick has good memories of playing on the 1968 undefeated Cornell lacrosse team with Coach Ned Harkness. He asks about classmate **Pete Church-Smith**, who I urge to write in. **Julius Gall** is a family practice physician and lives in Somers Point, NJ. His daughter **Liz '07** received her BA in anthropology with a concentration in women's studies.

I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you at reunion in June '08! ♦ **Gordon H. Silver, 2 Avery St., #26C, Boston, MA 02111; e-mail, gordon_silver@comcast.net.**

69 After an early retirement from Suffolk County, NY, government, author **William Schneid** took up writing full-time. Using the pen name William of Suffolk, he has written a comedy/mystery entitled *Fibs*, set in the reign of Henry Plantagenet's 12th-century England, as well as

Jim Brown, a business lawyer at James E. Brown & Assoc. PC in Denver, has recently undertaken interesting pro bono litigation against Chase Bank. Jim says, "So far, so good—we've been able to stop a foreclosure of our client's home." He is also an avid bicyclist and racer, enjoys skiing, and is a self-confessed "lacrosse dad." His younger son Ben is the starting goalie at Whittier College. Taking over Barton Hall in an anti-war demonstration lingers in Jim's memory, and he would like to hear from old friends **Bob Radford, BA '75, Kathy Rosendahl Engelberg '68, and Alex Lange '68, BA '70, PhD '87. Phil Callahan** wonders where **Dan Arkema** is. Meanwhile, Phil has been managing Cassini Radar observations, particularly of Saturn's moon Titan. He writes that the observation of lakes, presumably of liquid methane, was on the cover of the Jan. 4, 2007 issue of *Nature* magazine. Presently, he is planning an extended mission for observations through 2010. Here on Earth, Phil has been visiting the town of Callahan in Northern California. He says, "Could have bought the Emporium for a fraction of the price of a Southern California house."

Dr. **Richard Erali** lists podiatric medicine and surgery as his "day job." However, "after hours" he is a member of the Cornell Glee Club's advisory board and is excited about their China tour. Looking to retirement, Richard is building a home on Taughannock Blvd. in Ithaca, starting a vineyard, and establishing a second wind-farm. Looking back on his college days, Richard remembers the traditions and would like to hear from **Ronald Frers. Paul Robinson, MS '70**, has moved from Ithaca to Germany, where he is head of the biology and chemistry department at ISF Internationale Schule. While living in Europe, he has taken the opportunity to travel the continent and Africa. He also finds the time to volunteer as a reading tutor. Paul remembers Cornell for the opportunity to take so many courses in so many disciplines. From a sorority newsletter, we learn that after living in Boston and Los Angeles, **Linda Kalaydjian** has settled in Ormond Beach, FL. And her career has been as varied as her locales, including criminal justice, law enforcement, family mediation, and independent filmmaking. Currently, Linda is on

the board of the Daytona Playhouse and has acted in numerous productions. Since semi-retiring, she has also joined the board of Florida Fair Elections, which naturally follows a lifetime of interest in politics. She also mentioned that **Jerrian Row** was a chiropractor living in Colorado when she last heard from her a number of years ago.

Charles Noble hadn't been in touch for a long time, so he wrote a short summary of the past 40 years, saying that after graduation he worked on Madison Avenue before enrolling at UC Berkeley for a PhD. Today he chairs the political science department at Cal State, Long Beach. Charles says, "Amazingly, since I hated writing in college and always tried to avoid courses with term paper

requirements, I've ended up writing books." His latest is *The Collapse of Liberalism: Why America Needs a New Left*. He also tells us that he saw **Rod Novak** in Florida and encounters Jeff "the Dude" Dowd occasionally, as their children go to the same school. Charles says he travels a lot with his family. He spent a month in France and Italy last year, but has not been to Ithaca since 1970! "I've retired from the US government, but don't yet have the part-time job I might seek," says **Lee Stone**. In the meantime, he earned an MA in history from the U. of Essex in Colchester, UK, in 2006, and has been researching family history in both England and the US. Lee has since returned to Virginia, settling in Purcellville. At the end of his note, Lee wrote that looking across the lake from Uris Library as the bells played the "Evening Song" is his fondest memory of Cornell. **Don Verdiani**, ME '71, is a corporate projects manager for Sunoco Inc. and is also into restoring vintage motorcycles. For exercise he rows, and he serves as president of the Wilmington Rowing Center in Delaware.

A number of classmates participated in last summer's Cornell Adult University: **Alan and Elisabeth Allen Cody**, MAT '70—PreReunion: Personality and Politics; **George Everitt**—Hawaii; **Peter Goldis**, BA '71—Take Me Out to the Ballgame; and **Nancy Joy Karch**—2006 Midterm Elections: Mohonk. ♦ **Arda Coyle Boucher**, 21 Hemlock Hill Rd., Amherst, NH 03031; e-mail, aboucher@airmar.com.

70 Yet another year has nearly come and gone. All best wishes to the members of the Class of '70 for a wonderful, happy, and safe holiday season and for a terrific, healthy, and fun 2008!

Nicholas Adams (niadams@vassar.edu; Amenia, NY) has published a book on the architectural firm Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill (Phaidon Press, 2007). **Nathaniel Owings** was Class of '27. **John** (John.Butterly@Hitchcock.org) and **Lynn Axel Butterly** '71 have three children and live in Norwich, VT. **Arielle** '04 and **Daniel** '08 are Cornell graduates, and Joel is planning to attend Dartmouth (but they love him anyway!). John is a

cardiologist and executive medical director at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. Lynn is a gastroenterologist and director of colorectal cancer screening. **Bill Fogle** (bill.fogle@cox.net) and wife Irene live in Mesa, AZ, and spent May 2007 on the Danube. Bill is currently writing an illustrated memoir that covers the years 1966-77 in Ithaca. His Delta Kappa Epsilon brother **William Houck**, BS '89, is helping with some of the photography. Much of the fraternity's history has been published on the Cornell University Library DSpace website.

Merry "Dd" Bloch Jones (jonesmb@aol.com) has written the third volume in her mystery series, *The Deadly Neighbors*, which follows *The River Killings* and *The Nanny Murders*, will be out this

winter from St. Martins Press. She and husband Robert live in Gladwyne, PA. Both their girls are in college now, so they have had an empty nest since the fall. **Vic Lebovici** (vlebovici@comcast.net) and wife Linda still live in West Newton, MA. He continues to practice patent and trademark law with the firm Weingarten, Schurgin, Gagnebin & Lebovici LLP. They traveled back to Ithaca in August when their son **Jeff '11** started at the College of Engineering. **Stephen** (slowe44520@aol.com) and Lucille **Lowe** live in New City, NY. Their son **Alexander '09** is completing his second semester in the Ag college (now known as CALS) after transferring from Arts, where he spent his first three semesters at Cornell. Alexander lived in the Phi Gamma Delta house last year. He is thoroughly enjoying himself and getting good grades, too.

Martha Mattus, PhD '74 (memattus@comcast.net) and husband Bill Flynn continue to run the office for the National Council for Continuing Education and Training from their house in Portland, OR. Marty has completed two seasons of full-time tax work for the accountant William J. Conley PC and is looking forward to more bookkeeping work in 2008. In June she visited her father, **George Mattus '41**, PhD '49, in New Jersey for Father's Day. Also in June, **John Singler** of Poughkeepsie, NY, married Deborah Brooker of Wappingers Falls, NY. They honeymooned by cruising from Manhattan to the Caribbean, after which they both returned to work! John is a finance officer for the diplomatic service, and Deborah is a registered medical assistant for an ophthalmology practice.

Connie Fern Miller lives and practices law in Watkins Glen, NY. She is currently the public defender in Schuyler County while maintaining a private practice as well. She and ex-husband **Richard VanEmirk '73** have two daughters, Kate Anna, 23, a 2005 graduate of NYU working in Manhattan, and Lane Astride, 21, a 2007 graduate of SUNY Potsdam who is now in nursing school at SUNY Canton. Sadly, **Phillip Sperry** (KCYV7A@proplay.net) writes to say that his wife Bonnie died on December 30, 2006. He lives in Bloomington, IN, where he continues to

manage their rentals and do laundry. Their title company, MoCoTiCo, is in its 21st year of operation. Bonnie and he shared seven beautiful adopted dogs together.

Phil Schwartz (dpphil@verizon.net) and wife Andrea live in Santa Monica, CA. In spring 2007, their son Eric graduated with honors from the UC Berkeley College of Engineering. Phil spent nine weeks (February to April 2007) on Cape Cod as a cinematographer on the film *Chatham*. While on the Cape, he got together with **Alan Ropper**, MD '74, and his wife Sandy, who live in Newton, MA. **Mary DiLibero** (mdilibero@msn.com) is a PRN at Day Kimball Hospital Mental Health Clinic. She is also in private practice in Warwick, RI, as a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist in adult mental health. She and husband Peter DiSpigno live in Foster, RI.

All is the same with **Peter** and Virginia **Ambrose** (pa@valstar.net; Hudson, NY). **Sue Degerstrom** Roberts (Roberts@methow.net) and husband Dick (UNH '67) sold their inn, North Cascades Basecamp, and moved to Winthrop, WA, in August 2006. They are now working on remodeling their new home as well as traveling. They are enjoying retirement from innkeeping, but continue their "careers" as volunteers in the community. ♦ **Connie Ferris Meyer**, cfm7@cornell.edu.

71 We are reminding all New York City-area classmates and sports fans to be at the Cornell Big Red vs. BU Terriers game on November 24 at Madison Square Garden. If you need tickets or if you wish to attend the pre-game reception please go to www.alumni.cornell.edu for more information. Tickets in the Cornell sections may be purchased through the Cornell Athletic Ticket Office (607-254-BEAR) or through TicketMaster.com.

Leslie Kirpich Brill (lesliebrill@hotmail.com) is an Ithaca artist. She wrote to tell us of an exhibit of her paintings in Manhattan this fall, "What the Trees Say." It runs through November 24 at the Blue Mountain Gallery. **Patricia Wohlson** Epps has been appointed the new director of athletics and recreation at Franklin & Marshall U. Patricia is the first woman in the college's history to hold this position and will be responsible for managing 27 intercollegiate sports, 11 club sports, an intramural program, and other recreational and wellness activities.

Jeffrey Garber (jgarber@bidmc.harvard.edu) writes to us from Boston, where he is the chief of endocrinology at Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates and a member of the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Brigham and Women's hospitals' endocrine division. He has been on the faculty of Harvard Medical School for over 25 years, where his major academic responsibility has been training endocrine fellows. Jeff was recently elected vice president of the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists (AAACE). AAACE, with 6,000 members in more than 80 countries (and at least two other members from the Class of '71, **Jeffrey Punim** and **Bonnie Schildkret** Shanis), is the largest organization of clinical endocrinologists in the world. Jeff and his wife Sheri have two sons, Ben (U. of Chicago '02) and **Solly '04**. Jeff keeps

in touch with Cornell couple **Robert Feiner** and **Barbara Kirsch**, as well as **Ed Moses**, PhD '78, and wife **Stephanie (Cohen)** '72.

Last June, **R. Scott Lawrence** (merylscott@nctv.com) traveled with Sigma Chi brother **Peter Cetta** to the Oregon Coast and Willamette Valley wineries. They had a pinot noir toast to class webmaster **Craig Ewing**, MBA '72, and his daughter **Alison** '10, who had just completed her freshman year at Cornell. Scott, Craig, and Pete enjoyed reunion last year and hope to make an annual event of traveling and hanging out together. They reminisced about picking grapes on the shores of Seneca Lake while at Cornell and making a batch of memorable wine at the fraternity house.

Rob '70, MBA '72, and **Marlynn Lampert Littauer** (mlittauer@msn.com) live in Seattle. They are enjoying life as grandparents to Zoe, age 5. Their daughter **Amanda** '98 received her PhD from Berkeley and has survived her first year as assistant professor of gender and women's studies at Saint Mary's College (sister school to Notre Dame) in South Bend, IN. Their son Doug is finishing his master's at Evergreen College and is working as a field biologist. He was married in August. Marlynn retired four years ago from a long and fulfilling career as a fundraiser for community, statewide, national, and international organizations in the nonprofit sector.

Tim Lamm, PhD '76 (TML36@cornell.edu) writes from Kentucky, where he is head programmer for Bradbury and Assocs. He is also the director and a dancer for the Lexington Vintage Dance Society and in his spare time he is learning Spanish. He has fond memories of Cornell, especially the Arts Fair at Riskey. Tim is married to **Carol (Klingbeil)**, MA '74. **Rich Funke** (funke@sonalysts.com) is the vice president of Sonalysts Inc. in Columbia, MD. He is a defense contractor supporting the US Navy following 30 years of active duty with the Navy. He is also president of the Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City, MD.

Sandie Feinman Antar (sandie3@aol.com) is happy to report that her daughter Rebecca (Harvard '00) married Matthew Novick last May. Cornellians in attendance included Sandie's sister **Marsha Feinman** Byrnes '74, **Ellie Weiss** Brook '66, and classmates **John** and **Jude Ferber Lubrano**, **Elisabeth Kaplan** Boas and **Art Spitzer**, and **Martha Coultrap**. **Alison Kent** Bermant '70 would have been there, but her granddaughter was born just a week before the wedding.

Sally Clark Shumaker lives in Southern California, but made the trip back to Ithaca in June to attend reunion with her mother, **Helen Harding** Clark '36. It was Mrs. Clark's 71st reunion at Cornell! While in Ithaca, Sally visited with **Marianne Saphra** and husband **Steve Clancy** '74, JD '78, PhD '88, as well as with **Sharon Kahkonen**, MS '75, who just moved back with her family to Ithaca from Ottawa, Canada. Sally keeps in touch with Cornellians whenever she travels and would love to hear from you—her e-mail is scshumaker@aol.com.

Your class correspondents would also be delighted to hear from you. Contact one of us and we'll write about you. ♦ **Linda Germaine-Miller**, lg95@cornell.edu; and **Matt Silverman**, mes62@cornell.edu.

72 I am very pleased to report, in my first column as a class correspondent, that I recently had a wonderful dinner in NYC with Cornell classmates **Ellen Rosenstock** Morehouse, **Arlene Berger Schimmel**, **Jane Barasch** Hankin, BA '71, **Karen Maisel** Blumenthal, **Genette Pauker** Lieb, and a group from the Class of 1971. A number of other women who made the last dinner (including **Pat Weiss**, **Laurie Eisenstein** Gottlieb, **Myra Pearlman** Goldberg, **Toby Goldstick**, **Rhonda Zeitlin** Siegel, and **Marilyn Sevush** Silfen) were unable to make this one, but we will be planning a fall/winter dinner and anyone interested in joining in should send me their e-mail addresses.

In other classmates news: **Jay Branegan** is working for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which includes a number of presidential candidates, declared or potential, including Sens. Biden, Obama, Dodd, and Hagel. Jay was in Africa on committee business in October, China in April, and Nicaragua and Honduras in June, and spent last December's holiday in Istanbul. Jay recently saw former roommates **Ken Werker**, BA '71, visiting from Vancouver, BC, and **Mark Raffeld**, a doctor with the NIH, and reports that **Joe Connolly**, having lived in Cairo for the past several years, now plans to teach in Paris. Jay is currently involved in the *Sun* digitization project, which will put our four years' editions of the Cornell *Daily Sun* online. For more information about this project, please visit <http://cdsun.library.cornell.edu/about.html>. Another classmate on the international front is **Patricia Guy**, who is public affairs officer at the US Consulate general office in Munich, Germany. Pat, who has made so many past Class of '72 reunions, was unable to make the one last June because of responsibilities related to the G8 Summit in Germany. Pat wrote, "After the summit, I'll have time to explore the Norwegian fjords before beginning the last year of my assignment at the Munich consulate. This time next year I'll know my next destination."

Sara Lazaroff Geballe lives in northwest Washington State. She reports that she is enjoying a downsized and simpler life now that son Zach, 23, graduated NYU last year and works in a restaurant in Seattle, and daughter Ruby is in her senior year at Tufts. Sara is hoping to retire from her work as a freelance writer and sign language interpreter in a few years, and spend time traveling with her partner Steve James, who works for the National Park Service. **Alec Dann** lives in Washington, DC. After 15 years with the Washington Post Company, Alec became general manager of online publishing at Hanley Wood, a publisher specializing in the construction industry, where he is busy building the Web publishing side of their 24 magazines. Alec reported that after years of sending his children to study abroad in interesting places, he and his wife Penne took a fabulous two-week trip to Japan. **Steve Irish** is enjoying his retirement, working on remodeling a house and establishing a vineyard in Portland, NY. Cheers!

Joan Brooks Alexander and husband **David**, JD '72, are both lawyers in Buffalo, NY, where Joan specializes in special education and nonprofit corporate matters, and David works with business, tax, and estate matters. Joan and David

spent much of the summer at the Chautauqua Institution, along with a vacation in Israel. Their daughter Debbie is in audit and regulation in Boston, MA, and son Michael is in software development and Web applications in Philadelphia, PA. They both attended the 35th Reunion, where David played golf with classmate and co-correspondent **Alex Barna** and Cornell professors **James Maas**, PhD '66, and David Feldshuh. **Gary Masterson** and wife Marilyn live in Elgin, IL, where they recently celebrated the christening of their granddaughter Isabel, along with her 4-year-old sister Mia. Gary is a technology project manager supporting USG Corp.'s call centers in the Chicago area and Canada.

Lois Gewirtzman Lewis has a son in his senior year at Cornell's ILR school, as well as a son in his third year of an MD/PhD program at Northwestern U. Lois is a special education teacher working with Kindergarten students, and husband Steve retired this year from a busy career in public service. **Robert Perotti** reports that he is celebrating a 35-year partnership (with his brothers John and Jim) in Lone Pine Farms, a third-generation dairy farm in Dutchess County, NY. Robert just celebrated his 36th anniversary with wife Susan and is blessed with children Tim and Wendy, Wendy's husband Matt, and grandchildren Emily, 4, and infant Michael. **Robert Nacle-rio** is the chief of otolaryngology, head and neck surgery at the Pritzker School of Medicine of the U. of Chicago, and is internationally recognized in those fields as well as clinical asthma and immunology. He was recently elected to the prestigious Johns Hopkins U. Society of Scholars.

I live in Pleasantville, NY, and am now in my 25th year in the book publishing business at Hachette Book Group USA (formerly Time Warner Book Group), where I am EVP, general counsel and business affairs. I was fortunate to share Reunion '07 with my daughter **Hillary Ross** Posternak '02, while daughters Lindsey (U. of Michigan '04) and Melissa (high school senior) stayed home with my husband Sandy. I would love to hear from you, so please say hello or send me news at: ♦ **Carol Fein** Ross, hilltop80@aol.com; **Gary Rubin**, glrubin@aol.com; **Alex Barna**, ab478@cornell.edu.

73 Greetings from the Pacific Northwest. As you read this, Patti and I have both daughters back home—Emilie back from the Peace Corps, and Caitlin back from a foray into politics—planning their next acts. My act is still the same—January will mark 30 years at KIRO Radio.

We're planning to be at the 35th Reunion in June, and having just returned from a few days in Ithaca, I can tell you the place has blossomed. Chef Italia and Johnny's Big Red are gone, but the Chapter House is still there, along with wacky new campus buildings, a reinforced Triphammer Bridge—and of course the undimmed spectacle of the gorges, both of which I was finally able to hike (something I'd never done as a student). According to the donor plaques, the trails had been there the whole time, so I don't know why I never discovered them during the four years I lived there—something about social upheaval, perhaps.

Time to wander is just one of the many happy aspects of a reunion weekend. Literary agent's fee: 15 percent. New hairstyle for book tour: \$400. Handing your signed bestseller to the English professor who gave you a "C": Priceless.

Let's get to the news. **Mitch Weiss** and wife Martha Hamilton will be first in line at the reunion tent, because they never left. As proprietors of Beauty & the Beast Storytellers, they've spent the past 27 years sharing their stories all over the world, including Berlin, Prague, Montreal, and Taipei. Next year they'll appear at several international schools in Japan, and will publish their 15th book. Find them at www.beautyandthebeaststorytellers.com. **David Schwartz** (david@davidschwartz.com) is finally making his first appearance in the class column after spending the past 20 years writing children's books. His classic *How Much is a Million?* is still in print more than 20 years after publication, with a dozen translations. *Where in the Wild? Camouflaged Creatures Concealed . . . and Revealed* is his 50th book—a collection of scenes and factoids gleaned from a rigorous Cornell education. Readers see a series of well-camouflaged animals with a poem that hints at the animal's identity. The photo then folds out with the background muted, revealing the elusive creature. And just like that, the whole class is hooked on the ecosystem. David travels the country wowing school audiences with his energetic mix of science, math, literature, and humor.

Harriet Seldin (drhseldin@aol.com) reports that as a member of the Dental Board of California, she worked with State Senator Sam Aanestad on a bill to prevent registered sex offenders from practicing dentistry. Gov. Schwarzenegger signed SB 252 on June 22. She is also the proud human companion of Maile, her golden retriever, who has earned a Master Jumper title and a Super-Q from the US Dog Agility Association. The rest of us are just trying to get our dogs to put the seat down after they finish drinking. **Mona Deutsch Miller** is in Los Angeles practicing law and writing plays. She and husband Steve are celebrating 30 years. Daughter Thais is a student at American U. in Washington, DC, where she's gotten to know Prof. **Louise Shelley '72**, a former Cornell trustee. Last August the family visited Vancouver, BC, and found it remarkably Ithaca-like, which I can verify it is, except for having much better skiing. And the Winter Olympics. And a skyline.

Robyn Miller (Rmiller@tennischannel.com) has now risen to senior VP of marketing at the Tennis Channel. Her daughter will be spending her junior year abroad with Tufts U. Robyn may not remember, but we were floor-mates the year Anna Comstock went co-ed. Today's kids don't appreciate what we pioneers went through. **Stephanie Fain Morrow**, MRP '75, is moving from child welfare into psychotherapy. She reports that daughter **Katherine Morrow '07** is a Peace Corps volunteer in China teaching English to future middle school teachers. **Claudia Gaillard Meer** reports that son **Jonathan '02**, MPA '03, married **Jolie Bell '02** last July at the Ritz Carlton in Battery Park, NY, on the luckiest possible day for a wedding: 7/7/07. That drew a "Good Morning America" camera crew. She estimates that about 50 of the 300 guests were Cornellians. After a Mediterranean cruise

with husband **Richard, MS '65**, it's back to Rutgers, where Claudia's been on the faculty for 34 years.

Carol Worman Nolan—who recently visited us here in Seattle—is now one year into semi-retirement. Achieving full retirement status will be difficult because she started her own biotech consulting business and—surprise—finds that she's in demand. Son Paul is a sophomore at Wheaton College in Illinois, and son **Scott '04** is in California making the switch from rocket science to management consulting. **David Sauberman**, BA '76—a Glee Club colleague—splits his time between New York City and Toronto, working with the Hunger Project (www.thp.org) and the Holiday Project (www.holiday-project.org), and producing solo piano CDs (www.davidspiano.com). His latest meditation CD should be out by the time you see him at the 35th Reunion.

Susan Murphy, PhD '94, and **Sherri Koenig Stuewer**, MS '75, joined with friends **Mary Antenen McIlroy '72** and **Gerry Serotte '74**, Susan's stepdaughter **Sarah Thomas Taylor '86**, and others for their annual gathering at the Outer Banks. It's something they've done each of the last 27 years! They have been without classmate **Linda Krause** since she passed away in 2002, but continue to celebrate her life each year.

Tom Quinn is a novelist and author of *The Venetians* series. His first volume, *The Lion of St. Mark*, was published by St. Martin's Press in 2005. The second, *The Sword of Venice*, is being published as you read this. He reports that the Quinn family needs money for Christmas presents, and suggests his books ought to top every class member's Santa list, especially if you have a friend who has been to or would like to go to Venice. Tom will sign it for you: www.thomasquinnbooks.com. **Julia Smyth-Pinney**, BArch '76's son **David Pinney '08** gets his Cornell degree in math in May. Julia just returned to her full-time job as a professor of architecture at U. of Kentucky after four months of research in Rome, where she worked on a book project with co-author Dr. Martin Raspe.

Alice Garr Schiff lives in White Plains, NY, and works as the director for contract services at Comprehensive Care Management in the Bronx, providing home health care to more than 2,500 elderly and disabled people in the NYC area. She and husband **David '71** are celebrating 33 years together. Son **Dan '05** is getting his graduate degree in journalism at the U. of Maryland. Daughter Joanna graduated from the U. of Hartford Art School and is now an Americorps volunteer building new homes with Habitat for Humanity in Louisiana. Watch for Alice and David, who met at the Sigma Alpha Mu fraternity house, at the 35th Reunion.

Miriam (formerly Norma) **Reiss** received her doctorate in spiritual science in June from Peace Theological Seminary, and works as a professional speaker, focusing on business, career, and personal coaching. She punctuates her talks with musical parodies on the state of the brain and ADD, undoubtedly inspired by my own performances with the Seattle Gilbert & Sullivan Society, which she admits attending once in a while. She gives an excellent radio interview: miriam@spiritedmarketing.com. **Grace Golden McNeal** is currently assistant professor of nursing at Baltimore

City Community College, with 30 years in the nursing profession. And **Sharon Kern-Taub** reports that son Matthew is 6, and will accompany her to reunion. It'll be his first time at Cornell.

Visit <http://classof73.alumni.cornell.edu/> and click the "Reunion" tab to get all the details on the 35th Reunion. If you were in an organization at Cornell and have not yet been contacted by your fellow members, use the website to find out what your group has planned. You can also contact **Larry Taylor** at larrytaylor@aziotics.com or **Paul Cashman** at pcashman@comcast.net. And until I see you in June, remember: Nexium: \$4. Prilosec OTC: \$1. Heartburn from a meatball sub at the Thurston Ave. Hot Truck: Priceless. ♦ **David Ross**, dave@daveross.com; **Phyllis Haight Grummon**, phg3@cornell.edu.

74 It took some doing, but my appeal for news via email resulted in a flurry of input. Thanks to all who replied, and to all our other classmates: please send news! (E-mail addresses below.)

Marlene Strauss-Barmish, MA '76, still hails from Madison, WI, where she manages admin for Wisconsin's largest homebuilder, Veridian Homes—just named *Professional Builder* magazine's Builder of the Year for 2008! Running and staying in shape have remained a passion over the years. "I am heading into my 20th year as chairperson of the CAAAN committee here in Wisconsin." **Alice Brown** reported on a wonderful weekend in Snowmass, CO, with **Shelley Cosgrove DeFord**, her daughter Casey (heading to U. of Oregon in the fall), and **Evan Zuckerman** and **Andy Bernstein** and their son **Tyler '09**. She also saw **Mary O'Connell** in NYC, who is relocating from Ithaca as soon as she finds a fabulous apartment to match her fabulous new job. Alice is a psychologist in private practice in NYC and has three sons, including **Phillip Brest '09**.

Ben Brungraber checked in with a bunch of life-changing news, beginning with a red Italian motorcycle. "Finalizing a divorce; started new consulting business; older son in grad school to become third-generation PhD structural engineer; younger son will be senior at Ithaca College, getting me to Ithaca yearly. **Gary Roth**, my freshman roommate, invited me to his oldest (of three) son's wedding. I see **Moirra Hearne Hints** regularly and correspond steadily, and also see **Eric Darmstaedter**, **Wally Howard**, ME '76, **Rob Swanson**, **Dana Williams**, **Corky Willse**, **Charley Henry**, MBA '76, **Bob Cheney**, **Al Van Ranst**, MBA '76, and **Joe Kowalik** yearly." Ben also mentioned that **Susan Webster** has a fun farmhouse on the side of a hill in Catawissa, PA. "Life seems to become more random as it grows more familiar."

Mike Delikat dropped an e-mail to say he had played golf that day with fellow ILRer **Bruce Nagel**. His daughter Ariel will be applying to ILR in the fall. Mike's also staying in close touch with other classmates including **Gary Bettman**, **Peter Braverman**, **Andy Bernstein**, and **Ike Kier '73**. He also mentioned that he was on the way up to Ithaca to drop off son **Jon '10**, who is a sophomore, an orientation counselor for the incoming freshman class, and the rush chair of his fraternity, Sigma Pi. Daughter **Stacey '04**, a Communications

major, is now an on-air television reporter for News 12 Brooklyn, the Cablevision local news channel. Mike delivered a lecture on campus entitled, "Legal Issues Associated with Corporate Diversity Programs."

From across the pond in London, **Susan Niner** Janes reports that her home is "a hive of creative activity. Son Daniel, 17, and husband Michael appeared on BBC Radio Four's language program 'Word of Mouth.' They, along with my daughter Leah, 20, have compiled a glossary of playground slang." Susan designs 3-D papercraft embellishments for scrapbooking. "My templates and punches are a global phenomenon." **Ellen Isaacs** gave us a brief history of her life after Cornell, "I went to law school, practiced law for 15 years, got married, and took time off to stay at home with our kids. The boys are 14 and 16, and they've kept me running. I went back to work a few years ago at UCLA, doing education outreach. It was a blast until the governor cut the outreach budget and our whole unit—and all of its programs—folded. I'm currently shepherding constituents through two projects: one is a carpool lane for the freeway through the Sepulveda Pass, and the other is a much-needed light rail line from downtown to Culver City."

Don Hull reports that he's ridden his bicycle across the country, hiked to Mt. Everest base camp, dived the Great Barrier Reef, completed the "Tour of Mt. Blanc" (100-mile hike around the highest peak in the European Alps), rafted, backpacked, and "mule-skinned" the Grand Canyon, become a ranked tennis player and certified tennis pro, and taken more than 35,000 photographs underwater and in almost every national park. "I had to work occasionally to support my recreational activities. I've been a sales engineer, executive director of the Int'l Boxing Association, director of the US Bicycling Hall of Fame, real estate agent, high school fencing coach, and (currently) a part-time tennis teacher. The best part is, I've just begun my journey through life!"

Since 1995 **Howard Fries** has been a permanent expatriate, variously working in: Silk Road, China (Urumqi) as a civil engineer/geotechnical engineer for four years on the construction of a major highway; Plain of Jars, Laos (Phonsavan) for two and a half years on the construction of a national highway through the mountains; West Bengal, India (near Calcutta) for nearly five years on a major twinning and upgrade of a national highway; and since October 2005, South Sulawesi, Indonesia, on a hydropower dam. "My wife of 19 years loves it, since it has brought her back to her own country and, most importantly, has given her a stove to cook on and bake in. Yes, a stove—like you have and your mother has, but which my wife went without for some 11 years. My daughter especially likes this Indonesian assignment, too, as she gets to go to the Australian Int'l School in Bali. They take surfing for gym! Better than six years of Chinese schooling and four years of English medium convent school in India—at least in her mind. Haven't been back to Cornell since 1989; however, I do take part in the Cornell Football Association. I am the founding member—and only member, I might add—of the Asian Chapter."

Saying I got her in a weak moment, **Stefanie Sokol** Beck wrote in to say she sees **Dale White-man** Pinto regularly. Stefanie is godmother to her son Nicholas, who is a junior in high school; her daughter Caren is starting at Georgetown in the fall. "In June I was in Charleston and saw **Susie Corner** Rosen '75, who is a partner in the Rosen Law Firm. We were sorority sisters in DG and she hasn't changed a bit—still beautiful with long, blonde hair and living in the historic district of Charleston. I spend the summer/fall in the Hamptons and winter/spring in Palm Beach. My goddaughter **Laura Miller** '10 is a sophomore at Cornell, and I hope to get there to visit for the first time since my 10th Reunion, which I attended

had the pleasure of meeting up with friends during a business trip to the Finger Lakes, spending an enjoyable evening with **Rosie Mayer** (an attorney in Ithaca), **Mary "Buff" Hunter** Penrose '76, and **Mary O'Connell** '74 at the Ithaca home of **Mary Berens** '74 and husband, biology professor Paul Feeney. Conversations about Cornell friends, new business ventures, and our families all seemed to pick up where we left off during the last reunion and CACO meetings. That's what Cornell (and DG) friendships are like; they never skip a beat!

Robin Casey Wood (Rcwood1953@aol.com) was in Ithaca for the Hotel school graduation of son **James** '07, a fifth-generation Cornellian in the Casey family. Twin brother Charles is graduating

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DAVID ROSS '73

with Dale Pinto. Laura's parents are **Larry** '72, MBA '74, and **Wendy Weingarten Miller** '73, MBA '74 (also a DG), who live in NYC." On the non-Cornell news front, Stefanie and her husband are investors in iFLYSBay.com. It's a vertical wind tunnel in which you actually fly like Superman.

On the personal front, I've stayed in contact with **Jim Stone**, ME '76, **Brad Buchanan**, and **John Ramsay**, and by extension, all of you reading this column. My wife, **Sue St. Clair Raye**, still teaches science at our local middle school and loves it. Our two girls are living in New York and here in Connecticut, and I get to see them often. My business is doing well, the most exciting thing being a conference we put on in London educating European Drinks execs on how to sell their wine, beer, and spirits products in the US.

Please send in your news to: ♦ **Steve Raye**, spr23@cornell.edu; **Bill Howard**, billhoward@comcast.net; or **Betsy Moore**, emoore@cazenovia.edu.

75 It's said that life is full of surprises, and I'm sure we've all had our share. Not too many weeks ago, I answered my office phone to the familiar voice of **Karen Leung** Moore saying, "JP, are you doing anything tonight? My flight from St. Louis to South Africa is delayed and I won't make my connection at Dulles Airport. I'll be in D.C. in a few hours." We had dinner, a few glasses of wine, and a great time that evening catching up on the past few months . . . our families, our jobs. Karen (KarenM@buildabear.com) is director of franchise marketing/product development with Build-A-Bear Workshop, travels extensively to the Far East and Europe, and is now opening stores in South Africa. Karen's husband Jim practices holistic therapy in St. Louis. Their son Jamie is an aeronautical engineer for Boeing in Media, PA (neighboring to Swarthmore College where my Jack is a sophomore), and daughter Christy is a college junior. The night and the reminiscing ended all too quickly, and we both promised to catch up on our next trip through each other's cities. In April I also

from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. He won two national advertising awards at the ceremony in Louisville, KY. Daughter Bayley is attending Pratt this summer and will be a senior in high school next fall. Robin owns a landscape architecture business, designing all levels of projects in Virginia. She has taught design classes at the Arboretum's Landscape program, and has had work published in *Landscape Architecture* magazine. As a longtime councilmember, council president, and board member of Historic Richmond Foundation, Robin enjoys doing architectural preservation work in Richmond. Special insight from Robin: Southerners aren't that exclusive, allowing a 17th-century Yankee with a liberal Ivy League education to run preservation projects in the capital of the Confederacy. Robin keeps up with **Fred Johnson**, MBA '77, **Annie Kavicky** Franzen, and **Bill Hopple**, as well as Cornellians from other classes.

Cliff Thurber (cliff@geology.wisc.edu) admits that he has lost touch with the alma mater since our graduation, but fellow correspondent **Deb Gellman**, MBA '82, has drawn him and wife **Judy Harackiewicz** back into the fold with her friendly e-mail seeking news from our classmates. They moved to the Midwest 18 years ago and have lived in Madison since 1989. Judy is a psychology professor, and Cliff is a geophysics professor, both at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison. Their older daughter Mary just finished her freshman year at Stanford, and their younger daughter will be a freshman at Harvard in the fall, where she will be on the women's soccer team.

Nathaniel Simmons (nsimmo@earthlink.net) lives in a southern suburb of Chicago and works for IBM. Last fall he and his wife and sister-in-law drove his son back East to Boston for his first year at Harvard Law School, stopping in Ithaca to visit Cornell for several hours. It was his first trip back to Ithaca since the late 1970s, and he said that it was strange to see how many things were still the same, though many things had changed. Nathaniel fondly recalled all the evenings when he would leave the Engineering

Quad and head to the Straight for dinner with a group of people who often met there . . . Wonder what those guys and ladies are doing these days?

Judith Spanier (jspanier@abbeyspanier.com) has practiced law at Abbey Spanier Rodd & Abrams for the last 22 years, and has spent the better part of the last five years pursuing class actions on behalf of employees against Wal-Mart for wage and hour violations. She and husband Arthur Glauber live in Scarsdale surrounded by other Cornell graduates. Their older daughter **Molly Glauber** '09 is a junior in Engineering, and their younger daughter is in high school. From Hermosa Beach and South Pasadena in sunny Southern California we have news from **Joe Zanetta**, JD '78 (jzanetta@adelphia.net). His son Sam is now a teenager and Joe would welcome any advice from those who have survived! Joe continues as president of a foundation providing healthcare, supporting four hospitals and clinics in the greater Los Angeles area. He remains a member of the Cornell Council and has recently joined the board of the Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown, NY, a research institute dedicated to the ideals espoused by the former associate justice of the Supreme Court. He finds this work to be exciting as the institute has co-sponsored programs with Cornell Law School. Joe is looking forward to seeing classmates at an upcoming reunion.

June Miller Woollard lives in downtown Ithaca and invites all who visit campus to stop in. She teaches special education for the 11th and 12th grades in Lansing, NY, although she plans to retire at the end of the '07-08 school year. June looks forward to continuing to work with students as a substitute teacher, but more importantly she'll have the flexibility to take those beautiful fall days off and spend them on Cayuga Lake in her boat. Her stepchildren are very close to her and visit often: Ryan is 30 and working in Mesa, AZ, for a utility company, and Jill lives in Massapequa, NY, having recently left her job designing the interiors of private jets to return for a Master of Fine Arts in Teaching at Hofstra. She wants to teach art. Go figure—another teacher in the family!

Folks can get in touch with **Lucy Weingartner** at her new e-mail address, lweingartner@roadrunner.com. Lucy's still living in Cleveland and works for National City Bank. Settled into life in Havertown, PA, is **Dave Wisniewski** (djwisn@comcast.net). Dave is married with three children, ages 21, 19, 15; two are in college and one is in high school. Dave is currently working for ACE INA Insurance Co. in Philadelphia as senior VP, US human resources. He sums it up by saying, "Life's been good to me so far."

We hope that this column finds you well, too, and we'd love to hear about what you've been doing since you were last in touch. Send your news to: ♦ **Joan Pease**, japease1032@aol.com; **Deb Gellman**, dsgellman@hotmail.com; **Karen DeMarco** Boroff, boroffka@shu.edu; or **Mitch Frank**, mjfgator@aol.com.

76 Our class just can't sit still, apparently. The moves, the travels . . . we're everywhere. **Noah Zable**, ME '83, writes that he "relocated back 'home'"—Mamaroneck, NY—two years

ago, from the Midwest. His daughter Adrienne is a freshman at Barnard College. Meanwhile, **Namelda Gerald Allen** and spouse **Brian** '78 have been "packing and unpacking." They recently moved to Wesley Chapel, FL, just north of Tampa. If she had her choice about it, Namelda would prefer to be playing golf and getting to know her new city. **Sonia Richards**, BA '78, has been busy traveling back and forth to Barbados, her country of birth, as well as raising Dominic, 4. Sonia is a physician specializing in infectious diseases and lives in Northridge, CA. What would she rather be doing right now? "Exactly what I'm doing," she says. Her memories of Cornell are all fond ones. "I had a life-defining four years at Cornell." At last year's reunion, Sonia happily made contact with **Renée Mims** Payne, the Cornell friend she had most wanted to hear from.

Steve and **Kathy Gollin Marshak** wrote last spring as they set out on a very sentimental journey: "We are about to take a heavy nostalgia trip as we travel to Ithaca for our son **David** '07's graduation on our 28th anniversary. We are planning graduation dinner at Taughannock Farms Inn, where we dined with our families on graduation night in 1976. And we will do it all again in three years for our daughter **Emma** '10. Having both of our kids at Cornell has been wonderful and has given us lots more reasons to visit Ithaca. When they call on the way back from class, we ask where they're walking and have a strong mental image of what they're looking at, including the bridge under construction, campus buildings, the gorges, and of course the rain and snow. We enjoyed going as a whole Cornell family to a local holiday cookie exchange. They are aware of alumni interactions well before they become alumni themselves."

Anne and **Bruce Wais** are in Lafayette, NY, not far from the old Ithaca stomping grounds. Bruce does business development for airborne radar at Lockheed Martin in Syracuse. **Lawrence Venezia**, DVM '76, is a veterinarian at Hyannis Animal Hospital in West Yarmouth, MA. Not surprisingly, his main after-hours activity is sailing. And his fondest memory of Cornell? "Great vet school education." Not so far away is **Abby Hennehan**, BA '78, who is a veterinarian at Sandwich Animal Hospital. She and spouse Peter L. Friedman live in East Sandwich, MA, with kids and many animals. Her extracurriculars include running, bicycling, kayaking, and boardsailing. She's enjoying having her kids around and worrying about the nest becoming empty—"of kids, never of animals." She, too, has been traveling—to Tanzania in the summer of 2006. Among her favorite memories of Cornell—"How could I possibly choose one thing!"—are "swimming in the falls and reservoir, Hot Truck and the U-Hall dorms, trying to learn to like beer, the tennis team, Greek Peak, etc." Abby would most like to hear from old friends **Meryl Kaynard** and **Lori Janulis**.

Ilene Hochberg Wood—who was **Ilene Rosenthal**—is living in Allentown, PA, with spouse **Robert Wood** '67. They were married on June 17 last year, just a week after reunion. Ilene reports: "I continue to write books. My eighth, *Dogs by Design*, explores the 'designer dog' (hybrid mix) phenomenon and should be in stores this fall. The ninth, *Posh Pups*, explores pampered

dogs—and can also be used as a guide to spoiling your pet! Bob and I are very active in our community. We were recently the recipients of the Arts Ovation Award in Allentown, given for our many contributions to the arts. After finishing work on my ninth book, I now have some free time to work for local nonprofits—the Allentown Art Museum, Second Harvest Food Bank, United Way, the Child Advocacy Center, and more." Remembering Cornell, Ilene says, "I loved taking art and design classes—and especially enjoyed designing costumes for several theatrical productions." She is in touch with several Cornell pals, but has lost touch with **Michael Klapper** '75 and **Patti Kaffee** Margulies and would love to hear from them.

Up in Connecticut, **Bruce** and **Lisa Hersh-kowitz Gould**, DVM '79, must be busy just keeping track of their offspring. Daughter Rachel is in Sydney, Australia, working for the Australian version of the Environmental Protection Agency; Taryn lives in Williamsburg in Brooklyn, NY, where she does camera work and film editing for a production company; and son **Zach** '11 graduated at the top of his high school class and is now a freshman at Cornell's College of Engineering. Bruce is medical director of Burgdorf Health Center, an inner-city clinic in Hartford, CT, and associate dean for primary care and director of the CT AHEC program at the U. of Connecticut School of Medicine. In memory of our classmate **Art Steinberg**, who died in October 2003, Bruce is heading a group to endow a bench outside the dean's office at the School of Human Ecology. Please contact Bruce for information at gould@adp.uconn.edu.

Last spring I was delighted to get an e-mail from my old friend **James Beede**, who lives in the Hartford area, too. Jim wrote: "I just saw our class news online news and thought I would take a moment to say hello again. In December '05 I completed nursing school at the U. of Connecticut and am now working at Gaylord Hospital with patients who are on the mend from traumatic brain injury—usually as a result of strokes and falls. Truth be told, if Connecticut would reinstate a helmet law for motorcycle riders, and if alcohol could be taken out of the equation, we would lose 15 to 20 percent of our patients. I am happy, the staff and patients like me, and at last I have a profession. My wife Debbie Cantor is not only doing great as the rabbi of a small congregation, but is on the rise as one of the folks working for understanding between various faiths in the Hartford area. In this respect, Hartford is very cosmopolitan. Hartford Seminary has good representation of Moslems and Jews in its program, and Debbie will teach at its twice-yearly course 'Building Abrahamic Partnerships' during the summer. Max, my 15-year-old, is chugging along through high school, where he is part of the theater crowd. Penina, in her last year at Solomon Schechter Day School, is part of the theater clique there."

My news this year is of travel—to NYC doing research for a book I'm working on; to Sardinia with husband **Bill Hanavan**; to Languedoc, France, with daughter Louise and my brother Mike and his extended family (including his sister-in-law **Sandra Widener**); to Los Angeles, where daughter Emily spent the summer at UCLA (back to Oberlin for her senior year now); and twice with

Bill to Halifax, NS, to visit Louise at home. Too much travel, actually. I'm afraid this year's "garden" turned crisp and brown, abandoned to the hot Michigan summer, and I owe a lot of carbon credits. But I'm home now, so please get in touch with your news—of travels, adventure, work, fun, derring-do, offspring, pets, memories . . . we love to hear it all. ♦ **Pat Relf** Hanavan, relf@tds.net; **Karen Krinsky** Sussman, Krinsk54@optonline.net; **Lisa Diamant**, Ljdiamant@verizon.net.

77 We start the fall 2007 news with exciting word that one of our classmates, **Jay Buckley**, MD '81, is running for the US Senate as a Democrat from New Hampshire. Jay was an electrical engineer at Cornell and received his MD from Cornell as well, completing his internal medicine training at New York Hospital. Jay flew on the space shuttle *Columbia* as a payload specialist in 1998. He has also served as a flight surgeon in the US Air Force Reserve for the past eight years. Jay is a professor of medicine at Dartmouth Medical College and adjunct professor of engineering at the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth. He lives in Hanover, NH, with his wife Sarah and their three children. Further information about Jay's campaign can be obtained at www.Buckey08.com. Best wishes, Jay.

Brandon Lipman, BArch '79, reports that he has joined the firm of Loeb Schlossman & Hackl as a design principal. Brandon has had over 28 years of experience as an architect since graduating from Cornell and has worked with colleges and universities, healthcare, and public and private institutional clients. He has garnered numerous community and professional design awards. Among his recent work are the U. of New Mexico Cancer Center, the new Kennedy-King College in Chicago, and the new Southern Illinois U.-Edwardsville School of Pharmacy. Brandon was previously at VOA Associates and lives in Evanston, IL. Best wishes in your new endeavors.

Everyone's favorite science educator, **Bill Nye** wrote from Studio City, CA, and included a business card—the front completely filled with a mini-periodic table ("Nye Labs presents: The Periodic Table . . . of Science") and the back simply listing his website, www.billnye.com. Bill still travels around, speaking about science education and climate change, and after hours he works on reducing his carbon footprint. He also goes swing dancing three or four nights a week. "I managed to fund a clock for Rhodes Hall. It honors Cornell's contribution to our understanding of the universe. You'll be able to see it from Schoellkopf." He writes that he'd like to be helping to lower Cornell's greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050. A laudable goal that we all share.

Karen Juli works for the US Army as a logistics planner in Vicenza, Italy, supporting the Southern European Task Force, Airborne. "I retired as an Army major in 1996 and came back to work for the government as a civilian in 2002. I have been in Italy since October 2005." Karen has bought a house there and much of her free time is spent trying to organize it and make it home. She loves spending time in her favorite city, Trieste. "Any other Cornellians here?" Karen asks.

Write her at julicut@yahoo.com. It's always nice to find out that we have classmates in some of the most beautiful and interesting parts of the world.

Jeff Belsky sent an e-mail in early September: "Still living in Yorktown Heights, NY—more than 20 years—and working for IBM—more than 27 years—most recently as manager of benefits funding and insurance. Son **Jason '08** is finishing up his senior year as a Bioengineering major and contemplating continuing at Cornell for his ME degree in Biomedical Engineering. Daughter Janine is a junior in high school and considering attending Cornell as well. I'm active in our synagogue with wife Ro, Girl Scouts, and the Alumni Ambassador network. Still passionate about tennis and the New York Yankees, Jets, Knicks, and Rangers. Ro and I celebrated our 25th anniversary and 50th birthdays with an extended trip to Italy this past spring—Venice, Florence, Rome, and the Amalfi Coast—and had a fantastic time."

Well, that's the news for mid-fall 2007. Please forward news and views (and encourage friends to contribute) either to Mark, Annette, or me at: ♦ **Howie Eisen**, heisen@drexelmed.edu; **Mark Petracca**, mppetrac@orion.oac.uci.edu; **Annette Mulee**, annette@mulee.com.

78 Thanks for the overwhelming response to our e-mail solicitations for news and to everyone who filled out their News and Dues forms. Our columns will be full of news! There is a correction from the July/August column. **Margie Ferris-Morris's** e-mail was incorrect and should be: fma@dc.net. Thank-you to the alert reader who brought this to my attention.

Cynthia Kubas Odegaard (CMK19@cornell.edu) has been elected to the Cornell University Council for a four-year term. She plays trumpet in two bands in Hawaii, where she works in the pharmaceutical industry. She claims to have a "killer figure," thanks to bodybuilding. **Morris Wallack** ([moriswallack@nc.rr.com](mailto:morriswallack@nc.rr.com)) is a director at HP Imaging and Printing. He enjoys playing soccer, preparing gourmet meals, and parenting his daughters Grace and Eve. Morris lives in Chapel Hill, NC, and has seen **Ken West** and **Richard Vinegar, JD '79**. He would like to hear from old friends **Bill Davis** and **Stanley Rose**. **Chip** and **Linda Joy Baines** are proud to report

that their daughter **Emily '07** graduated last spring with a degree in Economics. She was also the varsity coxswain for the Cornell men's lightweight crew, which won the national collegiate rowing championships for the second year in a row.

Brian Blauvelt (bmblauvelt@yahoo.com) became a grandfather in December 2006. His son Jeremy, a Marine, works in aviation electronics and is expecting to be deployed to Iraq. Brian has made a recent significant career change. He is CEO of the Ryland Inn Coffee Co. (www.rylandinncoffee.com), a start-up in partnership with Chef Craig Shelton of the Ryland Inn, the number one-rated restaurant in New Jersey. He is also working on a reality show. Watch for more details! **Janet Borkowski** Grundy (jgrundy@austin.rr.com) lives in Austin, TX. Her son **Brian** attends Cornell's Arts college, Class of 2011. **Eric Kates '78**, DVM '81, and his wife **Shari Watchman-Kates '79** have driven up to Ithaca to pick up/deliver their son **Alex '09**, who is a Business major in the Ag college. Eric is coordinating a mini-reunion with some Cornell buddies for the hockey game against Boston U. over Thanksgiving weekend in Madison Square Garden. He and Shari host many local Cornell functions at their home. "Cornell is never far from our thoughts."

Paula Pizzutelli Vullo (paula.vullo@gmail.com) lives in Penfield, NY, and is taking graduate classes at RIT to get a master's degree from the Hospitality Service Management program. She hopes to teach in the Rochester area in the future. She would have liked to attend the Hotel school at Cornell again, but one of her children is still in high school and she couldn't move to Ithaca. **Jacquelyn Rine** Geer (jackiesg@comcast.net) lives in Rockville, MD. She is a science teacher and visits her house in Charlottesville, VA, on weekends. Jacquelyn was awarded the Environmental Educator of the Year 2007 by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

Robert Blinken Jr. (rblinken@verizon.net) sold the teleconferencing company he co-founded in 2004. He has since spent more time with his family and has gone skiing in La Grave, France, and Valdez, AK. Robert's latest passion is professional inline skate racing. He has participated in events all around North America. He is also exploring the development of several new inventions and opportunities to run other companies.

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Robert's fondest memories of Cornell include hockey games, sunning in the gorge, late night subs at the Hot Truck, walking down the Slope after studying, running on Triphammer Road, and partying, playing, and studying hard with his fraternity brothers at Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Rich Cavanagh (rcavanagh@comcast.net) writes sadly that his wife Maureen passed away last fall after a courageous battle with brain cancer. Rich left his job at BAE Systems to take care of her, but is now doing contracting work at Draper Labs in Cambridge. **Bruce Schneider** (Bruce.Schneider@moodys.com) joined Moody's Investor Services and is VP of financial planning and analysis of technology. He is responsible for designing the financial reporting/analysis processes for how Moody's spends its technology dollars. He

Orenstein last May. Sarah (sarahs@aplcnmp.apl.jhu.edu) is an associate dean at Johns Hopkins U., and Bob leads a unit in human resources at the Lockheed Martin Corp. They live in Rockville, MD, and are looking forward to the 30th Reunion.

Andi Rosenstein Mathis is a proud mom; her daughter **Melinda '09** received the Class of '78 scholarship. Melinda wrote a lovely thank-you note to the class for helping to finance her Cornell education. She is a double major in Government and Economics and is contemplating law school for the future. Melinda is a third-generation Cornellian; her grandmother was in the Class of '53, and her grandfather got his JD in 1952. **Holton** and **Deborah Dickason Falk** live in Drexel Hill, PA. Their son **Sayce '05** is a lieutenant in the Marine Corps and is serving in Iraq. Sayce ran into

has been a very rewarding year. In September 2006, Kate and husband Doug traveled to Florence and Sienna, Italy, to celebrate Doug's 50th birthday. In May, Kate and Doug spent a week in St. Martin to celebrate Kate's 50th birthday and a 24th wedding anniversary. "For the most part, we are empty-nesters. The girls come and go—like cyclones. One minute they're here and then they're gone. Adair graduated from the U. of the South in May 2006 and now works for the Dept. of the Army as a confidential assistant. She loves living in D.C. Zoe, 21, took a semester off from the U. of Colorado, Boulder to live, work, and ski in Steamboat Springs. She continued her studies during summer 2006. Laura, 18, graduated from Emma Willard and is a freshman at the U. of the South. Alex, 16, is a junior at the Foxcroft School in Virginia. Our goddaughter Moira graduated from Holy Cross in May 2006 and is now teaching English in Chile. Doug was reappointed to the Kentucky Racing Authority for a second three-year term. Although it is a volunteer position, it really is a second job! We are in the midst of a huge kitchen renovation (talk about stress!), but know we will enjoy the finished product."

Kitty Brown (kbrown5455@aol.com) is planning to travel to Prague to celebrate her 50th. Kitty and her husband Jeff Duchin live in Seattle and have been happily married for 11 years. Kitty is a family physician and Jeff is a public health infectious disease doctor. "We live in a neighborhood that looks and feels like the suburbs, but it is five minutes from downtown—one of Seattle's little secrets. My ninth grader, Ben, is taking driver's education (how time flies), and my third grader, Emma, is busy with the usual kid stuff—soccer, karate, and Girl Scouts." **Brett Cohen** (bcohen@chrisglase.com) and family (wife Kelly and sons Brandon and Cody) had a Memorial Day mini-reunion, backyard BBQ, and skateboard and Ping-Pong fest with **Dave Halberstadter** and family (wife Beverly and daughters Jennifer and Kim). "We had hoped to celebrate a Cornell victory over Duke in the NCAA semis but had to drown our sorrows instead." Brett and Dave, both practicing attorneys in Los Angeles, keep in contact with **Ken Rubin**, **Wayne Meichner**, and **Bruce Rogoff**. "We have all commiserated about turning 50 this year."

Laura MacPhail (lmacphail@comcast.net) keeps in close contact with **Judy Wyman** and **Peggy Smith**. Judy and her husband John live in Takoma Park, MD, with children Leah, 7, and Sarah, 4. Peggy lives in Manhattan and continues to pursue her career in space planning and design. She has children Andrew and Katherine. Peggy is active in NYC Cornell alumni activities, including CAAAN, and had a great time at the 50th birthday celebration in April. Laura and Peggy recently spent a wonderful afternoon at the Brooklyn Botanical Center. Laura writes, "I live in Magnolia, MA, which is a tiny seaside village northeast of Boston. I am an avid potter and love sailing and the ocean. I am also a food service industry consultant, specializing in sales and marketing strategy and recently started a business called Foodservice Immersion, which intensively trains industry professionals new to the segment."

Sheila Dimon Ballinger (sheilaballinger@aol.com) just completed her 15th year as a math

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KATE BROWNING HENDRICKSON '79

and wife Amy have been married for 26 years and have a son Michael, 16. They live in Westport, CT. **David** and **June Drake Hayford** (juniedrake@aol.com) have two children attending Cornell in Arts and Sciences. June is co-founder and COO of Courierboard.com, a new online exchange for the messenger and courier industry. This company, headquartered in Delray Beach, FL, was started by classmate, co-founder, and CEO **Chris Kane**.

Mary Rose Gallagher (mgallagher108@gmail.com) resides in New Delhi, India. She is recovering nicely from chronic bronchitis after having the ayurvedic panchkarma treatment at the Khosla Medical Inst. and Research Society. Mary Rose has been on medical leave from her job in Iowa at ResCare Inc., where she does community support work with disabled adults. She is traveling through the northern states of India before returning to the States. **Stuart Cordell** (scordell@warrenyoung.com) writes that his oldest daughter, **Elise '07**, graduated from Cornell this past spring. Stuart visited campus often while Elise attended Cornell, and went to football games, hockey games, fashion shows, concerts, and wine tours, thoroughly enjoying them all. He was impressed with the renovations to Lynah Kink and had a total blast at the Cornell v. Colgate game, "howling, jeering, and cheering with the students and wearing a 'Lynah Faithful' shirt." Stuart's youngest daughter graduated high school and is at Syracuse U. The middle daughter is in college in South Carolina.

Eric Law (EHFLaw@aol.com) had a new book published in May. It is called *Finding Intimacy in a World of Fear* (Chalice Press, St. Louis, MO). Eric's publisher describes him as "one of the most compelling and sought-after Christian speakers on the subjects of inclusivity and multiculturalism." He is also the founder and director of the Kaleidoscope Inst. (www.ladocese.org/ki). **Robert** and **Sarah Beran Steinberg's** daughter **Lauren '10** is studying Engineering. Their son Aaron graduated from Yeshiva U., and was married to Adina

Hunter Rawlings's son at officer's class in California. Deborah and Holton are "fervently hoping for a peaceful resolution to the war in Iraq." **Diane Chernoff Rosen** (resmark99@earthlink.net) lives in NYC and is a partner in the law firm of Alter and Rosen. She is also the VP of Girls Learn Int'l Inc. She is a member of the Manhattan Community Board and has served on several boards of directors of not-for-profit organizations.

Don't forget about our 30th Reunion. Be there! It's gonna be a blast! Keep sending us your news. ♦ **Pepi Leids**, PLEids@aol.com; and **Chip Brueckman**, chipbrueckman@yahoo.com.

79 Classmates continue to send us news on 50th birthday celebrations. In April, **Laurie Sprayregen** hosted a bash at Dinosaur Bar-B-Que in New York City. More than 20 classmates and friends enjoyed great food, birthday cake, and great times. Fall celebrations held in Washington, DC, Ithaca, Cleveland, Santa Monica, and New York City will be featured in upcoming columns. In the meantime, go to our class website at <http://classof79.alumni.cornell.edu> to see photos of the winter/spring celebrations. **Michael Dergosits** (mdergosits@dergnoah.com) writes of a '79 gathering in Park City, UT, in mid-March to ski, snowmobile, and celebrate 50th birthdays. **Bud Dunbar** handled the logistics, and **Steve Wald** put together the '79 time capsule playlist for the iPod. In addition to Michael, Bud, and Steve, other attendees were **Howard Goldman**, **Greg McParland**, **Wayne Diamond**, **Fred Lamay**, **Paul Werbaneth**, **Tom Carmody**, **Larry Stern**, and **Mark Hulkower**.

Kate Browning Hendrickson (kbhendrickson@lycos.com) won the general election by a wide margin and took office as the first female commonwealth's attorney (Commonwealth of Kentucky) in the 19th judicial circuit in January. Her first year in office is almost complete and it

teacher at Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover, MA. Her husband Ron is a professor at MIT. In July 2006, Sheila and Ron led a church group to Ecuador to provide a clean water system to a village of Quechua Indians. "This was an incredible experience." Sheila keeps in touch with classmates **Janice Smith Yensan** and **Paula Steluto**. **Tim** and **Laura Hitt McCann** (themccanns@comcast.net) continue to live in Elkton, MD, where they are host to four Icelandic horses and a variety of boats. Tim has global responsibilities with DuPont and travels to Europe and China. Laura manages the household and shuttles around their son Kendall, 16. Their older daughter graduated from Williams in June 2006 and lives and works in Boston. **Amanda '09** is a junior at Cornell. "We love to ride, ski, sail, and travel and keep in touch with classmates **Tod** and **Andrea Holtzman Drucker** and **Nayla Rizk '80**."

David Greenbaum, BArch '80 (david.greenbaum@smithgroup.com) is a VP with Smith-Group Inc., an architectural firm in Washington, DC. David was the lead architect in the design of the new \$30 million Visitor Center at the Normandy American Cemetery in Colle-sur-Mer, France. The official public opening of the visitor center was June 6, 2007. The 30,000-square-foot facility includes personal stories of participants, narrative text, photos, films, and interactive displays. The planning process took two years and the construction process another two years. David and his team worked closely with the American Battle Monuments Commission to make sure it was designed in such a way so as not to overshadow the cemetery itself. David and his wife **Stacie Psaras** have children Sophie, 15, and Jamey, 12—"hopefully some future Cornellians in the lot."

We have received sad news from **Brenda Jacobs '77** on the passing of **Barbara Kulik** on July 22 from a brain tumor. "Barb won many friends with her warm smile, love of the outdoors, and unending resilience and determination. She went camping and hiking for the very first time at Cornell and later one of her hobbies was as editor of the *Happy Hiker*. It is a testament to Barb that so many who attended the funeral in Allentown (**Leslie Fields**, MEd '86, **Lauren Hovi** Carpenter, **Lisa Barsanti Hoyt**, **Christie Gilmartin** Waters, **Cathy Needle**, **Liz Kutscher** Rosenstein, and **Beatriz Mallory**) and those who sent personalized notes (**Laura Day Ayers '78**, MBA '86, **Susan "Sukey" Call Terasaka**, MPS '81, **Hilde Fritze-Vomvoris**, and **Claire Striso** Wilkin-son) were friends she first met as a freshman in the U-Halls." Our thoughts and prayers go out to Barb's family. A Cornell scholarship fund is being set up in Barb's name and more information will be passed along in future columns.

Have a happy holiday season! ♦ **Cindy Williams**, cew32@cornell.edu; **Kathy Zappia** Gould, rdgould@comcast.net; and **Cynthia Ahlgren** Shea, cynthiashea@hotmail.com.

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Many of us live in regions where at this time of year the frost is on the pumpkin, jack-o-lanterns lie mushy in the back yard, and kitchens are filled with the aroma of baking Thanksgiving pies. We find it most appropriate

to therefore pay homage to that groovy gourd, the pumpkin, or as it is known in the halls of the Crop and Soil Sciences department, *Cucurbita pepo*. It was ten years ago that a puzzling yet plucky pumpkin somehow sat precariously perched at the pinnacle of the clock tower, a five-month sit-in that gained Cornell some serious webcam attention (this was so long ago that YouTube wasn't even around!) and worldwide press. Yes, for a significant portion of the 1997-98 school year, we were sitting on the plant kingdom equivalent of Paris Hilton. Most rumors as to the method by which it reached the top have been squashed, and our sources tell us that all that remains is a sample of internal glop that rests among the brain jars on the second floor of Uris Hall. As we honor this most entertaining and versatile fruit, you are encouraged to grab a cup of piping hot pumpkin bisque, curl up to the nearest heating vent, and join us as we catch up on classmate news.

If we had a contest to find the weirdest alternative use for pumpkins, self-proclaimed lunatic **Joey Green** would surely win. He is a prolific author ("No job for me, thanks; I write books all day") with a well-known series on offbeat uses for brand-name products. His book titles include *Paint Your House With Powdered Milk*, *Clean Your Clothes With Cheez Whiz*, and *Joey Green's Gardening Magic*. Joey and his wife and two daughters live in West Hills, CA, and traveled around the world during the summer of '06. The founder of the *Cornell Lunatic* does have a serious side; Joey is a lecturer for Jewish World Watch to stop the genocide in Darfur.

While we're on the subject of alternatives, several classmates are working to improve the status quo. **Niel Golightly** is Ford's Green Guru, charged with changing the automotive paradigm. **Angela Abruzzese** Daley and husband Steve work for Green Demolitions, a company specializing in refurbishing appliances, fixtures, and home décor from houses being demolished or renovated. Proceeds from the business support the Answer to Addiction, an agency with both addiction recovery and prevention programs. Angela is mom to teen and pre-teen daughters, and still finds time to breed golden retrievers and putter around in the garden/pumpkin patch in Honesdale, PA. **Chuck D'Angelo** is the project lead for Shell's Unconventional Resources Energy initiative in Houston. He recently finished a course in permaculture, the study of the design of agricultural systems, which is quite a departure from his usual focus on oil exploration. Chuck fondly recalls the comradeship of project work at Cornell, and remembers the advantages gained by working one-on-one with faculty.

A benefit of writing this column is the dose of positive energy received from classmate notes. It rivals the feelings derived from a good piece of pumpkin bread. "I love my work," says **Stephanie Goldpin**, an ob/gyn in Stamford, CT. Stephanie and husband Dr. Jack Dowdle have purchased homes based in part on a Cornell influence. "My back yard has a stream and a waterfall because of memories of a beautiful campus." "Life is great," reports **Geoff Rogers** from Ipswich, MA. He is VP of worldwide sales for Reaction Design, a provider of solutions for clean energy. Geoff is an

alum of Cayuga's Waiters, and still numbers vocal performing among his hobbies. Geoff would like to hear from our class president **Jill Abrams** Klein, in order to "apologize after all these years." Geoff, being a member of the Class of 1980 means never having to say you're sorry.

Twenty-six years is a long time to spend in Washington, DC. **Terri Ann Lowenthal** has returned home to Stamford, CT, after a stint as a legislative and policy consultant on census and demographic issues. She will continue her career in Stamford, and teach figure skating. Terri is a member of the President's Council of Cornell Women, and her daughter **Joelle '11** is a freshman and a third-generation legacy.

The great thing about pumpkins is that they grow almost anywhere, even in the harsh climate of the Great White North. No one knows this better than **Mark Eisenberg**, associate professor of medicine at McGill U. in Montreal. Mark and wife Dr. Louise Pilote are raising their own hockey team, with five children under the age of 10. Mark works at the Divisions of Cardiology and Clinical Epidemiology at Jewish General Hospital, and is planning a sabbatical in Israel in 2008-09. **Kathy Dixon** Leone and husband Paul are building a house on Skaneateles Lake, just a short drive from Tim's Pumpkin Patch on Lake Street. "What a project!" she says. Apparently raising four active boys, two of them teens, is a snap when compared to dealing with contractors. **Scott Picon** is president of Honda of Essex, a dealership in West Caldwell, NJ. He'll be the first to tell you that the Pilot is a great vehicle to carry the stuff related to his after-hours activities: golf, karate, working out, traveling, and skiing.

Roberta Walter Goodman is into a different kind of horsepower. In addition to volunteer work at a synagogue and Jewish community day school near Nashville, she is resuming horseback riding lessons after a 20-year hiatus. "All I need now is a suitably trained and quiet horse for a middle-aged lady." **Steve Benjamin**, MBA '82, is managing partner with Stromiga Real Estate Development. He happily reports that daughter **Megan '10** is enjoying her first year at Cornell, having transferred this fall. Apparently, it's not too soon to think about our 30th Reunion: Steve notes that his daughter's graduation and our "big three oh" will happen within a month of each other in 2010. Steve and wife Sheri live in Saratoga, CA.

My pint of Saranac Pumpkin Ale, a seasonal product of our local brewery here in Utica, NY, stands empty, its frothy remnants sliding gracefully down the sides of the glass. Perhaps a descendant of the famous clock tower pumpkin gave itself up so that this succulent nectar might fuel my creative processes (fortunately, I have not had enough to be rendered pumpkin pie-eyed). May your holiday season be filled with pumpkiny goodness, and may each bite of pie or roasted seed bring back fond memories of autumn on the Cornell campus.

Thanks to all who have taken the time to drop us a line. Staying in touch is as easy as following the link on our class website, <http://classof80.alumni.cornell.edu/> (please note: no www). Click on the Class of 1980 Dues link in the left-hand column, and look for "Send Class Notes." ♦ **Dana Jerrard**, dej24@cornell.edu; **Tim O'Connor**,

tvo2@cornell.edu; **Cynthia Addonizio-Bianco**, caa28@cornell.edu; **Leona Barsky**, leonabarsky@aol.com; **Dik Saalfeld**, rfs25@cornell.edu.

81 Hello, everyone! Time is flying by much too quickly. Who can believe that 2007 is almost over? I am enjoying being a mom. Ella Paige is now 1 and it's definitely a different role for me. I spend a lot of time with her going to Gymboree, Little Gym, swimming lessons, hiking, etc., and it's great! We also have been spending a lot of time traveling to places such as Key West, the Berkshires, Washington, DC, New York, California, and Connecticut. On my travels, we've seen some Cornellians, including **Rebecca Tayne** (30-plus years with JP Morgan and counting!) and **Sue Levitt** (also a mom with two little ones). The new assistant rabbi at our synagogue in Boca Raton (Temple Beth El) is also from Cornell. **Pam Mailender '02** told the synagogue the story of how when she went to register for a language class, but it was full. She didn't know what to do, but when she looked over to another part of the room, she saw all of these people being so loving and kind to one another and she decided to find out what was going on. So she signed up for a Hebrew class and thus started her path to becoming a rabbi. We are very lucky to have her with us.

It sounds as if all of our classmates are very busy. **Ron Spivak** tells us he starred as the devil in the musical *Damn Yankees* in Banner Elk, NC. **Kathleen Cullen** Harwood writes that her son **Cullen Harwood '11** graduated from Lake Forest Academy and now attends Cornell's ILR school. **Sheryl WuDunn** is writing a book on women in the developing world, tentatively titled "Lost Daughters" or "It Takes a Woman" with her husband, Nicholas Kristof. **Jayant Ghosh** is responsible for software development for worldwide systems group Thomson Broadcast. He'd love to hear from **Steven List**.

Beth Abrams, MD '85, is a child psychiatrist by day and a professional singer/musician by night. She is a public psychiatrist and works as a jazz vocalist with her husband and kids, ages 12 and 9, in a family band, Unicorn. She lives in Woodstock, NY, so perhaps you've seen her with her band. She is looking for **Dana Neitlich**. **Susan Berko** Conde is an art gallery owner living in NYC with her family. She has children Daniel, 14, Isabel, 12, and Elena, 10. **Frank Lee** is a managing partner in the law firm Lee & Biggins in Los Angeles, CA.

Jerry Cosgrove, JD '88, is a deputy commissioner with the NYS Dept. of Agriculture and Markets. Also in California, **Julio Caro** is a film producer. He produced the feature film *El Cantante* starring Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony. **Jessica Pearlstein** Zachs is living in West Hartford, CT, and is a "professional volunteer" and chef/recipe tester. She is also busy working on a tenth anniversary fundraiser for Boundless Playgrounds and chairing a Jewish Community Center gala opening. Jessica has three children and a husband who travels to Vietnam and China for business. She would really like to hear from **Joe Ruocco**, **Cory Zwerling**, **Dora Lu Nelson '82**, and **Robin Geller** Diamond.

Also in Connecticut is **Hans Drenkard**. Hans is a science teacher at Trumbull High School and

very proud that his son **Adam '11** has joined his older sister at Cornell. Adam is studying Civil Engineering. **Alan Schuller** went on a great trip to Ithaca with **Cliff Greenberg**, **Marc Greenwald**, **Bob Panzer**, **David Ehrlich '82**, **Jeff Bernstein '83**, and **Alan J. Cohen**. They went traying on Libe Slope, did Happy Hour at the Chapter House, and ate at the Souvlaki House, the State Street Diner, Marios, and the Hot Truck. They also saw Cornell beat Colgate in hockey and enjoyed great hospitality from their fraternity brothers at Kappa Sigma. **Bob Finkle's** son **David '11** is now at Cornell as well. I'm glad to see that so many of our children are going to the Big Red. It gives us another excuse to go back to Ithaca and remember what it was like to be a student.

Sheryl Weeks is living in Laconia, NH, and works as a medical records and orthopedic coding professional. She is also a ski instructor part-time at Gunstock, the local ski area in Gilford, NH. She traveled to Providence to watch the Cornell women's crew row against Brown and Columbia. She would really like to hear from **Margaret Doak** Jakubcin, **Gloria Salvini** Pryhuber, **Christine Johnson**, **Jennifer Rosenbaum, MS '85**, and **Lois Goodell '80**—and of course her 110 Cook Street apartment-mates. **Peter McDonough** is the president and general manager of Diageo. He had been living in New Zealand and Switzerland for the past four years and now lives in Connecticut. He would like to hear from **Rob McNiff '80**.

Alison Spear is an architect and mother to two children, Jeremy, 16, and Carolina, 10. She is getting married to Alex Reese and moving to the Hudson River Valley town of Wappingers Falls—quite a difference from her home in Miami! We wish you the best. **Richard Hayes** is an internal medicine/emergency medical physician in the Chicago area. He loves riding his Harley and mountain biking! **Daniel Rosberger, MD '90**, is a physician whose practice is limited to medical and surgical treatment of diseases of the retina. He lives in NYC with his spouse Sonam.

We want to hear from you! It's clear that there are many of our classmates out there who are searching for their friends, so why not reconnect? Fill us in. Share your news with us no matter how big or small it is. We're only an e-mail away! I wish you a fantastic holiday season—and a fabulous 2008! ♦ **Betsy Silverfine**, bsilverfine@comcast.net; **Jennifer Read** Campbell, ronjencam@aol.com; and **Kathy Philbin** Lashoto, lashoto@rcn.com.

82 It appears that our reunion year has sparked a lot of writing and sharing of information among our class. We have heard from many of you over the last few months and we hope that this trend continues. **Lori Friedman** Robinson writes that she had the pleasure of attending the wedding of classmate **Emily Oshin** on May 20. **Jeffrey** and **Alisa Kishinsky Hare** were also in attendance. Lori has been busy raising her two sons, Jason, 18, who entered the U. of Michigan this fall, and Brian, 15.

Andrew Kent is a professor of physics at New York U. and writes that he tries to spend as much time as possible sailing, playing tennis, and spending time with his two children, 15 and 11. **N. Chris Schmitt** is working for GE Energy in Schenectady,

NY, and notes that he has been part of the GE corporate recruiting team at Cornell. He is looking to hear from **Mike Klodowski '81**. **Michelle Riess** is a senior VP in the human resources department for the Gartner Group in Stamford, CT. **Julie De Simone Conner** is a nutrition therapist and owner of a Healthy Weighs Nutrition Center and Health Food Market in Brookfield, CT. She and husband **Will** have been busy driving up to Cornell to visit their two sons Billy and Brian. Will is a financial advisor for UBS in Middlebury, CT.

Jean Price Kiechle lives in Philadelphia, NY, with her husband **Michael '81** and has been busy working as a literacy collaborative coordinator for the Indian River Central School District. **Joel Simon, JD '85**, is a partner with the law firm Paul Hastings in its Paris office. As a result, he has been busy learning French, raising his three daughters, and cycling around Paris. **June Bouscaren** serves as an in-house patent counsel for Agilent Technologies in Loveland, CO. **Kenneth Growney** is working for MetLife Financial Services in Pearl River, NY. After hours, he's been building a wine cellar and rebuilding a prohibition era bar in his basement. **Martha Daniels** La Hoz was married on March 24 and has been busy fixing up a new home in Belfast, ME.

Tracy Stone owns her own architectural firm in Los Angeles, CA. **Daniel McGraw** is the director of the Northeast region for the Int'l Union of Operating Engineers based in Albany, NY. **Linda Harris** has recently relocated to Brooklyn, NY, with her 9-year-old twins and is working for the National Labor Relations Board. **David '81** and **Robin Horowitz Friebling** live in New City, NY, where Robin works for the Hudson Valley Blood Services of the New York Blood Center. Their son Josh recently graduated from Northwestern, son Jeremy graduated as the valedictorian at Clarkstown High School North, and daughter Arielle is entering her sophomore year of high school. Robin and David celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in August 2007.

Stephen Kagan announced that he is retiring from a clinical infectious disease practice in Atlanta and that he was traveling in Spain this past summer with his family. **Regina Robinson** and husband **Gary Blackburn '81** live in Los Angeles, CA. She is still in close contact with **Julie Cianci** Gause, who has been busy with her 7-year-old triplets. **Patrick Schmalz** is in San Francisco with wife Valerie and their four sons, ages 7 to 15. **Nancy Ranno** Carlston has four children, Tyler, 16, Jason, 14, Matt, 11, and Katie, 8. Nancy has one of our class's most interesting occupations—she is the owner of the Tarras Vineyard in New Zealand. **Clifford Feldman** is a psychiatrist living in Tarzana, CA, and has fond memories of throwing brooms out of a fourth floor window at Clara Dickson Hall.

Kevin Zwetsch is a board certified labor and employment attorney with the law firm Fowler White Boggs Banker in Tampa, FL. He has been busy raising two daughters, ages 14 and 16, and a 12-year-old son. **Amy Brown** Giles is in Short Hills, NJ, and reports that she sent her 17-year-old son Brian to Cornell this past summer. **Mattie Strauss, JD '85**, writes that he recently returned to practicing law after a four-and-a-half-year hiatus. He is

now the senior corporate and securities lawyer for XO Communications. In addition, he publishes the *Washington Theater Review* (www.washingtontheater.com) with his wife. **Timothy McCausland** is the managing director for Firestorm in Rock Hill, NY, and is looking to hear from **Jim Kester**. **Liz Dibs Dole**, DVM '86, is in Syracuse, NY. She says she had an amazing time at Reunion and is looking forward to returning for our 30th!

Please keep on sending your news. I have enjoyed reading and sharing with you all of our class adventures. ♦ **Douglas Skalka**, dskalka@npmlaw.com; **Steven Crump**, spc25@cornell.edu; **Mark Fernau**, mef29@cornell.edu.

83 Press releases and announcements of awards and advancements dominate this round of classmates' notices. From the global law firm of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, we learn that **Richard Rosberger '82**, BA '83, will be returning to the firm after a five-year hiatus as Assistant US Attorney, Civil Division, Southern District of New York. During his tenure, Richard was responsible for an extensive docket of tort, constitutional, false claims, forfeiture, environmental, tax, and bankruptcy cases. In 2005 he was a co-recipient of the John Marshall Award for Alternative Dispute Resolution for settlement of claims brought on behalf of the US Navy Exchange. After earning an MA in international law from GWU's Elliott School of Int'l Affairs, Richard received his JD from Columbia Law School, where he was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar and managing editor of the *Columbia Journal of Transnational Law*.

Via a Penn State press release, we learn that **B. Franklin Pugh** has been named Willaman Professor in Molecular Biology. The professorships provide outstanding faculty members with a supplemental source of support to further their research, teaching, writing, and public service. Franklin has built a research program investigating how genes are controlled in eukaryotic cells. He focuses particularly on the 6,000 genes of the baker's yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. "Since the transcription machinery is fundamentally the same in all eukaryotes, lessons learned from yeast provide the foundation for understanding how genes are regulated in humans, and how mis-regulation of genes leads to diseases such as cancer," he says. [OK, I think I got that.] Franklin has published 50 scientific papers in peer-reviewed journals and is the recipient of numerous awards, including being named a Leukemia Society of America Postdoctoral Fellow, a 1992 Searle Scholar, and the Daniel Tershak Faculty Teaching Award. He currently is director of the Center for Gene Regulation at Penn State.

Classmate **Dean Miller**, who was assistant managing editor at the *Sun*, tips us off to the fact that he won a Nieman Harvard Fellowship for next year. The Nieman program is the oldest mid-career fellowship for journalists in the world, and the fellowships are awarded to working journalists of accomplishment and promise for an academic year of study at the university. Only 30 US and international journalists have been named to the 70th class of Nieman Fellows at Harvard. Dean, who holds the position of executive editor of the *Post Register* in Idaho Falls, ID, will study the role of faith

and pluralism in American communities. **Jennifer Hughes Kern** sends news that her husband Steve received tenure at the U. of Utah from the College of Pharmacy and that the couple will be spending a sabbatical year in Basel, Switzerland, with their daughters Emily, 17, and Jane, 11. Steve had been working for Novartis. Their daughters will attend the Int'l School in Basel and, since Jennifer's legal visa designation has her as "Leisured Foreigner," she will spend the year "in pursuit of leisure."

Jonathan Chapman, Annapolis, MD, writes that he holds a day job as stewardship and monitoring coordinator for the Maryland Environmental Trust, which holds and enforces perpetual

of Oberlin College. While this entails moving the family to Ohio, she will continue her work in Ann Arbor as senior policy analyst at Altarum, a non-profit provider of objective health systems research and solutions. From the company's website, we learn that Amy joined Altarum in 2006. She is the principal investigator of a research project on childhood obesity prevention. Prior to joining Altarum, she was at the U. of Michigan for seven years, where she started up three new programs: a clinical research center, a program on the ethical implications of the life sciences, and a social science think-tank. Before moving to Michigan, Amy spent eight years at the National Institutes of Health

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open-space agreements. His after-hours activities involve board membership for two local land trusts, being a hockey dad, kayaking, and cycling. Lately he has been overseeing his oldest son's college search (which landed him in the MIT Class of 2011!). Jon enjoys traveling. In 2005 the family headed to Utah. "But," says Jon, "with college trips having consumed our last summer, and with tuition payments looming, we're staying put." Jonathan remembers fondly his time at Cornell with crew practices on Cayuga Lake and "hanging out with a diversity of folks of all walks of life that is Cornell." Jonathan would like to hear from **Leah Stern '84** and classmate **John Peterson**.

Michelle Wildi DaValle of Lake Forest, IL, brings us the sad news of the death of her dear friend and classmate **Karen Wright**. Karen was diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor after she suffered a seizure five years ago while living in France. For several years, the tumor was completely dormant and she continued living and traveling throughout Europe with a very positive outlook on her future. Unfortunately, she suffered a severe setback around Memorial Day and died peacefully in her sleep on July 28 at her parents' home in Leola, PA. Adds Michelle, "Some of you may remember that she attended our 20th Reunion. I am so grateful for the time we spent together that weekend. Karen was free-spirited, always upbeat, and a blast to be around, and I have wonderful memories of our friendship and our years together at Cornell. It is especially sobering to me to realize that out of our close circle of Cornell girlfriends, two have already passed, Karen and **Evette LeRoux** (who died several years earlier). Yet another reminder that we need to live life to the fullest and treasure those that are close to us."

Amy Sheon also relays the sad news that her friend and fellow Cornellian **Eric Schmuckler '81** recently died after a long struggle with cancer. (We wish everyone close to Karen and Eric our condolences, and do appreciate classmates passing along difficult news like this.) On a brighter note, Amy updates us with the big news that her husband Marvin Krislov had been named president

studying social and ethical dimensions of HIV prevention and cancer genetics research. Amy is also Altarum's liaison to *We Can!*, a national program designed to help children achieve a healthy weight.

By the time you read this, our 25th Reunion will be only a few months away. Please mark the date (June 5-8, 2008) in your calendar and check our website (<http://classof83.alumni.cornell.edu>) on how you can help make it the best reunion ever. As always, keep the news coming! ♦ **David Pattison**, dpattison@earthlink.net; and **Dinah Lawrence** Godwin, Dinah.godwin@earthlink.net.

84 As I write this column, the August 27, 2007 issue of *Newsweek* has published an article called "The 25 Hottest Schools" and named Cornell the "Hottest Ivy." Of course we all knew that, didn't we?

Speaking of hot, **Don McManus** and I were in Ithaca and on campus during the first week of August. The news from campus is building, building, building. I have never seen so much construction on campus in my life—and I grew up in Ithaca! But you'll be happy to know that the Dairy Bar is still open and still serving the world's best frozen chocolate malts. We celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary at the Nines, which still has the best pizza and wings around. Classmates **Kitty Cantwell** and husband **Kevin McCormick**, **Terry Soyring**, and **John "Chris" Martin** and his wife Ginger Desmond came to Ithaca to celebrate with us.

Jose Montes travels nationwide as a spokesperson for Allergan, as a trainer for Botox Cosmetic, and as an instructor in fillers for facial rejuvenation. After hours, he is the artistic coordinator for opera productions in Puerto Rico. He has also been involved in the Metropolitan Opera House activities in New York and has been expanding his practice as an oculoplastic surgeon. He would love to hear from his old friend **Chow Ng**. **Dion Terwilliger**, MAT '91, teaches middle school science, but after school he enjoys being a dad and doing genealogy research. He

still enjoys fishing, kayaking, hiking, and camping. He would like to hear from **Scott Lewis**, MBA '01, **Joon Yang Kim**, and **Arie Blitz**.

BFA classmate **Beth Noferi** (beth99@net.scape.com) writes, "Just wanted to say hi and that I would be interested in hearing from my Cornell classmates. Please drop me a line and let me know how you are doing." She'd particularly like to get back in touch with **Kathy Dodd O'Brien** and her other Delta Gamma sorority friends. Beth lives near Boston, MA, and has been traveling a lot, as well as working on setting up a website at home. "Any technical help would be greatly appreciated!"

Dwight Vicks, MBA '91, is the president of Vicks Lithograph and Printing, a softcover book manufacturer. In his spare time, he is the treasurer of ITOG, the Int'l Thyroid Oncology Group, a group of leading physicians working to facilitate clinical trials for the treatment of thyroid cancer, which his wife Jean has been facing since 1999. For more information, please contact Dwight at dwight@vickslitho.com. **Linda Bell** is the communication manager for Xerox Global Services in Rochester, NY. **Brandon Maxwell** is the CEO and president of Michael's Restaurant in Phoenix, AZ.

Hyun Kim, LL.M. '84, is a senior partner at Sechang Law Offices in Seoul, Korea. He recently became the president of the Cornell Club of Korea and secretary general of the Korean Bar Association. His fondest memory of Cornell is that his son Younghoon was born at Tompkins County Hospital in 1984. **Michelle Rossi** is married to Stephen Conwell. Michelle recently started a position as associate director of clinical care for the Pittsburgh Veterans Administration Geriatrics Research, Education, and Clinical Center. These are centers of excellence in geriatric medical care and they develop innovative care models. Michelle and Stephen have children Amanda, 9, and Natalie, 6 months. Recently, the whole family has been having fun doing geocaching. Her fondest memories of Cornell are great friends, pizza at midnight, bell tower songs across the Arts Quad, and Zinck's on Thursday.

Thomas Kennedy is clerk to the Hon. Stephen D. Gerling, chief bankruptcy judge for the Northern District of New York. Thomas graduated from the U. at Buffalo's law school in 2005 and married Ann Ryan in October 2006. **Marla Share Singer** is working part-time as a staff pharmacist at Bloom Pharmacy, a subsidiary of Food Lion. She and husband Ken have kids Sarah, 15, Daniel, 14, and Seth, 12. After work Marla spends her time driving time to various activities and enjoys watching their baseball games and concerts. Her favorite memory of Cornell is the Prospect of Whitby cooperative house and its diverse and wonderful residents. ♦ **Karla Sievers McManus**, Klorax@comcast.net; **Lindsay Liotta Forness**, fornesszone@aol.com. Class website, <http://classof1984.alumni.cornell.edu>.

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Thank you for continuing to share your news with us! **Kenneth Goldberg** wrote that he is a partner at a NYC law firm (www.goldbergfliegel.com) that specializes in labor and employment law. On the West Coast, **Rose Evans Walker** is a consulting services manager raising two

teenage daughters. Rose enjoys walking along the ocean, reading, dancing, and meditation—and she would love to be soaking up the sun at Corona del Mar. What she remembers most about Cornell is the beauty of the campus and also the protest against apartheid. She would love to hear from Barbara and Judy.

Alan Greenberg wrote that in May he joined the international law firm of Greenberg Traurig LLP as a business litigation attorney in the firm's Orange County, CA, office. His practice is bi-coastal so he expects to spend a substantial amount of time working out of the firm's New York office. He continues to live in San Clemente, CA, with wife Gina and their children Sarah, 14, and Hank, 11. **Christine Flass Weaver** enjoys the outdoors in Montana. Her work deals with air permitting for the refineries while her free time is filled with endless house repair projects, hikes with the dogs, and kayaking. She remembers most about Cornell when she and her friends skinny-dipped in the gorge at midnight during a summer in Ithaca. Christine would love to hear from **Cheryl Dembner** Weingord. **Kimberly Lawson** Murphy wrote in from Tennessee, where she is very busy with her son, 12, and twin daughters, 9. She lists her present day job as taxi driver (for the community or for her family?) and professional volunteer. Kimberly would love to be on a beach somewhere with a drink in hand—probably thinking about all the wonderful friends she remembers most from her time at Cornell. She would love to hear from **Andrea Brett Gottehrer** Kling.

Earlier this year, **Howard Spira**, MBA '86, and his family relocated to Tokyo, Japan, where Howard is heading up Goldman Sachs Realty Japan Ltd. Operations and Technology. His wife Hanan and their children are enjoying their first expat adventure. Howard remembers canoeing in the Finger Lakes and wishes he was sailing now. He would love to hear from **Bruce Schulman** and **Richard Ortega**. **T.J. Costello** was recently featured in a new book, *Dream Homes*, *Metro New York* by Panache Publications. He was honored as one of the New York metro area's 50 top residential designers. T.J.'s traditional style alterations and ground-up homes are on Long Island's Gold Coast. T.J. would love to hear from fellow alums he saw at the book signing party early in the summer at Columbus Circle, classmate **David Bonalle** and former co-worker **David Foell** '80, BArch '81.

Rich Howarth has been appointed as the Pat and John Rosenwald Professor in Arts and Sciences at Dartmouth College. Based in Dartmouth's Environmental Studies Program, Rich teaches and conducts research in the field of environmental economics and policy. **David Zyga**'s wife Jeanette wrote in to share the great news about David being named Executive of the Year by the National Lacrosse League. David is the director of operations for the Buffalo Sabres Organization's lacrosse team, the Buffalo Bandits. He earned his JD from the U. of Buffalo and a master's in sports administration from Canisius College. David is also the past president of the Cornell Club of Buffalo.

Nicholas Theodore was recently named associate director of the largest neurosurgical residency training program in the US. He also received an NIH research grant this year. Even

with all that great career news, Nicholas would rather be lying on the beach! **Glenda Lee Dings** Spivey agrees with that, and specifically would like to be on a beach in Hawaii. Meanwhile, she is in Connecticut, where she is a genetic counselor, mom to two sons, and designer of handcrafted jewelry (www.jzjewelrydesigns.com). "Those parties at Tri-Delt" are what she remembers most about her time at Cornell. **Marjorie** "Marnie" **Olt Mertz** has gone back to work teaching full-time after 13 years raising three boys. She is now teaching seventh grade science at Cranbrook Kingswood Girls Middle School. Northville, MI, is home for Marnie, husband **David** '83, and the boys.

Curt Hampstead is a team leader working in publishing at the United Nations. Lately, he has been busy studying for professional exams, but he does find time for ballroom dance, movies, acting in theater, AND raising three teenage girls and a toddler boy. Curt aspires to direct and produce plays and films. He remembers being part of Cornell Track and Theater and the many friends he made at both. **Gerald Ortiz**, MD '89, has been working too much as an orthopaedic surgeon, but he does find time for skiing in the winter and boating/hiking/fishing during the summer. What he would rather be doing now is camping in the outback of Australia or riding a wave in Kauai, and for work, he would want to be taking care of our wounded soldiers in the field. Gerald and his wife MaryGina live in Amsterdam, NY. If "the Foxes" are reading this, Gerald would love to hear from you.

Michael Hayes will be a visiting professor at Albany Law School for 2007-08, then returning to the faculty of the U. of Baltimore School of Law. **Andrew Muir** lives in Wichita, KS, with his wife Donna. He is an engineering manager at Boeing and in his spare time can be found woodworking in his garage. **Debbie Gelfand** Campbell, her husband Peter, and their four children are living in Somers, NY. Debbie has been very busy with the PTA and coaching their kids' lacrosse, but in September she will be even busier when she goes back to school for a degree in digital design. Her time with friends is what she remembers most from our years at Cornell—I am sure that speaks for many of us!

Susan Levy has been busy preparing for trial as an attorney with Levy and Pavett in Georgia. The rest of her time is spent parenting, gardening, and watching ultimate Frisbee. She remembers walking around the beautiful Cornell campus. Susan would love to hear from **Marc Goldfarb**. Marc, I hope you are reading this column because **Abby Strongin** Cherner would also like to hear from you. Abby, her husband Andy, and their four children are in Washington, DC, where Abby is a trustee for Hope for Henry Foundation and for the Center for Inspired Teaching. Lately, she has been sailing, going to the beach, hanging out with her children, planning a bnai mitzvah—and changing diapers! Her kids range from 13 to 2. There is nothing she would rather be doing now, but she does fondly remember her years at Cornell, laughing with roommates, dancing at parties, and daiquiris and popcorn at the Connection.

Now an important request. If you have been thinking about getting involved with our class, this is your opportunity. We need you to volunteer

as our class webmaster. Many of you might not realize that **Suzanne Montenegro** has been our webmaster for at least the last eight years, and she needs a break. The time requirement is only one to two hours per month, then just before reunion, it can increase to four to five hours per month. To learn more, contact Suzanne at Suzanne@darkstar.cc. Send news to: ♦ **Leslie Nydick**, LNydick@aol.com; or **Joyce Zelkowitz** Cornett, jmcornett@bellsouth.net.

86 I'm starting this column with baby news because I've been feeling extremely nostalgic these days. My oldest children, Nick and Sam, started high school at New Trier this fall. **Susan Seligsohn** Howell, your other class correspondent, has been commiserating because her daughter Olivia just started as a freshman at Phillips Andover. We can both still remember when they had pudgy cheeks and drooled! Now, I'm happy to look at pictures of other people's babies, while begging my teenagers to help me master iMovie!

In the thick of those luscious baby days is **Gary Cooper**. He and wife Cathy Weber had baby girl Christianne Lee, now almost a year old. Gary lives in Colchester, CT, and has been with Electric Boat since graduating. He's happily moving up their corporate ladder and picked up a master's degree along the way. Also with baby news is **Gordon Goetzmann**, MBA '91, who lives in Seattle and has a new baby, Jack, who joins older brothers Max and Drew. Gordon works for First Manhattan Consulting Group with their West Coast and Asia clients. And with exciting twins news—I'm biased—**Roy Esnard** and his wife had twins last April. He reports that his son and daughter are the "cutest," which we believe!

Since all the baby news was from our male classmates, we'll give equal space to the women of '86. **Grace Wolcott** Wadell is a full-time mom with three kids ages 3 to 12. She is a fundraiser for the Down Syndrome Program at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She's also active at her kids' schools and is still running with a goal of finishing the Philadelphia Half Marathon. Grace, let us know when you enter that race, and we'll make sure your sisters in DG are there to cheer you on! Another busy mom, **Jean Peterson** Wannlass, made time for a reunion at the Cornell Club in NYC with **Ellen Lederman**, **Robin Hoebel**, **Alison Washington** Wheaton, and **Stephanie Bograd**. We trust that the girls used their time in New York to attend one of the many lectures sponsored by the Cornell Club and then stayed up late to argue a crucial philosophical point. Or perhaps it was more about the cocktails, gossip, and shopping—they're not saying!

After all that fun, I have to report on a few career news items, but they're all interesting jobs. **Aaron Barnea** lives in Israel, where he is the director of addictions at the Herman Prison. In his free time, Aaron trains for and races in triathlons. **Jack Beaney** is a biology and earth sciences teacher for the Rush-Henrietta (NY) School District. He's also a lacrosse coach. He's building a lacrosse program from the ground up for the Bloomfield-Honeoye schools, but still has time to ride his motorcycle, hunt, and fish. **Nick Stamatakos** is an astronomer

at the US Naval Observatory. Little known fact: the observatory is also home to the Vice President and his or her family. Nick didn't report any sightings of Dick Cheney in his update, but it's a new job, so we'll give him time.

In the publishing world, we have some classmates who have been prolific. **Edward Schwarzschild** is an associate professor of English at SUNY Albany. He's about to head to the U. of Zaragoza in Spain for the spring semester as a Fulbright Scholar. His new book, *The Family Diamond*, just came out. It's a collection of short stories. Also a teacher and writer is **J.D. Stillwater**. His book, *Before the Beginning: A Child's First Book of the Great Story*, is a poetic introduction to the birth of our universe. J.D. is also a drummer and musician and serves on the board of his Unitarian church. **Susan Danziger** has co-founded DailyLit, a service that serializes books and sends them to you in daily e-mail chunks. They currently have 370 classic titles and are about to add language lessons from Berlitz.

Didn't see your name this month? Or are you wondering, "What happened to those guys I used to eat PMPs with?" Well, they're wondering the same thing about you! Send us an e-mail and we'll use your news. Don't think you have any news? Well, we love the baby announcements, but we're just as excited to write about your volunteer activities, sports news, and the Cornell friends you saw at a Big Red football game. Send your news to: ♦ **Laura Nieboer** Hine, lauracornell86@sbglobal.net; or **Susan Seligsohn** Howell, susan.cornell86@comcast.net.

87 Hello from Charm City, also known as Baltimore, MD! **Heidi Heasley** Ford, who hails from Hingham, MA, and I (**Brenna Frazer** McGowan) are your new class correspondents, and we hope that you use our fresh start as inspiration to keep on sending in your news. In his final column as co-correspondent with **Debra Howard Stern**, **Tom Tseng**, ME '94, recounted some highlights from the Class of '87's 20th Reunion this past June. We would love to continue to report on your impressions of our beautiful school far above Cayuga's waters.

Charlie Muller writes that Reunion came early for many this year, as a number of our classmates convened in Baltimore to watch the undefeated Cornell men's lacrosse team compete in the NCAA Final Four Lacrosse Championship. Among the leather-lunged fans in the stands rooting for the Big Red were Charlie and **Debbie Kranz Muller**, **Steve Long**, **Chris Modesti**, **Tim Vivian**, **Paul Sheridan**, **Paul and Loren Lembo Mularz '88**, **Aaron Jones**, and **Tim Mulligan**. While Cornell's furious second-half rally came up one goal short in a real heartbreaker, their impressive effort left the Big Red fans with smiles on their faces and served as a nice prelude to the reunion in Ithaca a few weeks later. Charlie and Debbie are enjoying life and lacrosse with their three sons in Summit, NJ. Charlie spends his days immersed in the world of foreign exchange at Brown Brothers Harriman in NYC. Prior to my move to Baltimore, I worked with Charlie from the firm's Boston office.

Lisa Yue stays busy as president of a national nonprofit, the Children's Cardiomyopathy

Foundation, which she founded in 2002. She and husband Eddie Yu have three daughters. They recently completed a major house renovation, a two-year project that entailed completely gutting and rebuilding their home! As the director of agriculture for the World Wildlife Fund, **Kai Ofengand** Robertson loves her job partnering with a wide range of companies looking for practical solutions to minimize their environmental footprint. Outside of helping to keep our planet healthy for the next generation, Kai enjoys playing soccer, traveling for work and fun, and family outings in the Washington, DC, area with her children, ages 4 and 7. She would really enjoy catching up with Cornell friend **Nancy Simcox**.

Marissa Rago Hedengren and husband **Fredrik '86** are enjoying life and kids' hockey in Brookside, NJ. When Marissa isn't busy managing Prudential Financial's Operations and Technology Human Resource Group, she finds time to stay active as a runner and just completed her first half-marathon! In another report from the Garden State, **Jim Lawless** is a site planner for a civil engineering firm concentrating on single-family, low-rise multi-family, corporate, and retail development. In his spare time, he chauffeurs his kids to sporting events. Kids, sports, and driving—am I spotting a trend here?

Barbara Jensen is living in Cohoes, NY. As senior personnel examiner, she helps keep New York State government offices well staffed by overseeing the civil service exam process. Outside the realm of government, she has written two books, *Ravenspeak* and *Visions of Destiny*. Both can be found on Amazon.com. Barbara is "looking forward to selling the movie rights!" Perhaps classmate **Mike Elliot** can provide her with some contacts in the film industry. Mike and wife Kristen live in the Los Angeles, CA, area. He is president of Capital Arts Entertainment Inc., a full-service film development and production company based in Encino, CA. **Gregory Morris** provides historical research and writing services for businesses, governments, and academia as a principal of Enterprise and Industry Historic Research while raising his 4-year-old, Theodore Abraham. His extracurricular activities include assistant scoutmaster for Manhattan's Troop 520, co-chair of Acolytes for the Cathedral of St. John Divine, and serving as NYS chapter president of Republicans for Environmental Protection.

Rolf deVries and spouse Leslie call Somerset, PA, home. He enjoys his "day job" as engineering manager at Somerset Welding and Steel Inc., but says his ideal job would be "designing an ultra-energy-efficient house." Rolf keeps the science and technology going after-hours as a Science Olympiad coach and member of the Industrial Advisory Committee for the U. of Pittsburgh, Johnstown. He reminisces about his great friends at Cornell's international family housing. **Tammy Newton** McGarvey describes her day job as a "home-school mom." Tammy and husband Ronald live in Waxhaw, NC, where Tammy volunteers with the local fire department. She has wonderful memories from her involvement with inter-varsity Christian fellowship at Cornell and would love to hear from **Linnea Larson**.

Thomas Metz recently moved to Wilton, CT. He spends his days challenging young minds as a middle school mathematics teacher. **Albert Chu** wrote that he was best man for classmate **Alex Padilla** at his wedding to Livia Ventrice this past July at the Madison Hotel in Morristown, NJ. Also joining the celebration were Albert's wife Michelle, and **Tom Zarebinski** and his wife Chandra.

That's our class news for now. As we get close to the winter holidays and you sit down to sign holiday cards or compose your annual family brag sheet, why don't you drop a few lines to your new class correspondents: ♦ **Brenna Frazer** McGowan, brennamcgowan@comcast.net; or **Heidi Heasley** Ford, hfh6@cornell.edu.

88 Greetings, fellow '88ers! As I write, it is the thick of summer here in New Jersey, and I have been enjoying Jersey corn, blueberries, and tomatoes from the local farm stand. I attempted a vegetable garden several years in a row, but found that I did not have success with anything but the zucchini, so am now happy to

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turn over my wages to the professionals for a real taste of summer. I also fondly recall the foods that were "native" to Cornell and Ithaca—Johnny's Hot Truck (PMP with Pep—the best!), Nines pizza, Moosewood pita sandwiches, Greek House Greek salads, and anything from the Farmer's Market downtown. What was your favorite food from Ithaca and your time at Cornell?

Speaking of Ithaca, **Lynn Tomlinson** writes, "I've enjoyed going to Ithaca every summer for five years and getting to know the town in a way I never knew as a student. Ithaca in the summer is wonderful." Lynn lives in Orlando, FL, the rest of the year, and is a filmmaker, animator, artist, and professor, teaching a summer course at Cornell in Animation. She is married to Craig Saper and is the mother of Sam, 10, and Lucy, 6. She just completed a huge community mosaic in Winter Park, FL. Check it out at <http://communitymosaic.blogspot.com>. On the other side of the world, **Gail Frieden** Le Coz writes, "After more than a decade in Paris, my husband, kids Clementine, 8, and Benjamin, 5, and I moved to London. My present day job is head of industry affairs for JPMorgan Asset Management. **Traci Nagle** and her husband Sumit and daughter Tara recently came by to visit while Sumit was guest lecturing in Paris."

William and Jennifer Truman Bernhard welcomed a second child in 2006. Ezra Durham Bernhard was born on May 1 (a nice 40th birthday present for Jen!) and joins big sister Lorraine ("Raine"), 6. The family still lives in Champaign, IL, where Bill and Jen are both faculty members at the U. of Illinois, Bill in political science and Jen in electrical and computer engineering.

Susanne Elkins Billeter writes from Chatham, NJ, that she is ordained with the title of "Reverend" with the American Baptist Church. She is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Morristown, NJ, and is finishing a five-year certificate program in psychoanalysis at the Blanton-Peale Inst. in New York City, hoping to set up a private practice in New Jersey in 2008 after she becomes licensed. She misses and remembers fondly the beautiful scenery of the Finger Lakes region.

We were thrilled to get a nice long note from **Angelica Watson Botkin**. "As I write, our house is full of boxes and workmen as we prepare for yet another move. Husband **Brad** graduated with honors as a Conrad Scholar from the Naval Post-Graduate School at Monterey, CA, and received several awards. With his new MBA, he will be stationed at the Pentagon—only 6 hours from Cornell. This is especially significant because not only will it give me a chance to go to the 20th Reunion (I missed the 15th because we were out of the country), but because my oldest son, Alex, who graduated with honors as a MAOS (Monterey Academy of Oceanographic Science) student

from Monterey High last week, will be a Cornell freshman in August! What tickles me pink is that not only has he chosen my school (Arts) over Brad's (Engineering), but he will be housed in my old freshman dorm (Low Rise 9) and is starting to develop a keen interest in psychology (my major)! To all my friends who I had lectured about the evils of influencing children to do what their parents wanted . . . oops! I am not too proud to admit that I am low enough to be thrilled by the recent turn of events."

And last, to end with some truly wonderful news, I know many of you have been following the progress of **Chad Snee**, our former class treasurer. I am delighted to share with you that Chad returned to the US in early June, following a one-year mobilization with the Navy Reserve. Following training last summer, Chad spent eight and a half months in Afghanistan as the public affairs officer for one of the five commands charged with training the Afghan National Army and Afghan National Police Force. He writes, "It was a fantastic tour and a gratifying experience to serve my country during wartime. I am grateful to return safe and sound. I will be returning (for work) to Amos Press and to a new job, Scott catalog assistant editor." Chad, thank you for your service, and I'm sure I speak for many when I say, "Welcome home—we're glad you're safe!"

I hope everyone is enjoying autumn. Be sure to write to Steve or me with news about your life—and the foods you miss from Cornell or Ithaca! And don't forget, in less than a year we'll be gathering on the Hill for our 20th Reunion. If you haven't already done so, mark your calendars

for June 5-8, 2008. Wishing you well. ♦ **Suzanne Bors** Andrews, smb68@cornell.edu; and **Steve Tomaselli**, st89@cornell.edu.

89 As you read this, winter should be nearly upon us, bringing fond memories of white winter wonderlands at Cornell . . . and attempts to climb up the hill from the U-Halls or sliding down icy roads from the north.

There seems to be an international theme to the news I received this time—many classmates coming back from living overseas, currently working abroad, or traveling. **Rick Lipsey** and wife **Carrie Cohen**, whom I shared U-Hall 4 with freshman year, wrote that after several years as the chief of the public integrity unit with the New York State Attorney General, Carrie started a new job as an assistant US Attorney in the southern district of New York. Rick, a golf writer at *Sports Illustrated*, published his second book, *Golfing on the Roof of the World: In Search of Gross National Happiness*. The armchair travel book recounts the experience that Carrie and Rick and daughter Claudia, 5, had in the fall of 2002 when the three of them lived in Bhutan so Rick could work as the Himalayan kingdom's first-ever golf professional. He taught adults at their one and only course, Royal Thimphu, and created the Bhutan Youth Golf Association (www.golfbhutan.com), a thriving year-round junior golf program that he still manages from his apartment in New York City. Carrie worked as a consultant to Bhutan's chief justice, writing some of the country's new laws, including its penal code and evidence act.

He didn't note if he had any George Clooney sightings, but **Alex Martin**, wife Maria, and their four children moved back from their beautiful villa on Lake Como in Italy to Princeton, NJ, after nearly six years. They had a wonderful visit from **Nathan Andrew** and his wife Janet and their three children. Also moving back from Europe, **David M. Johnson**, MBA '90, returned from Germany after three years working on diesel engines for GM. He took a new position with Int'l Truck & Engine as VP of product operations for the Export and Military Group in Naperville, IL. "In my new position I've had the great privilege to lead the team that developed an all-new armored vehicle for our men and women of the armed forces. Maxxpro is the name of our version of the MRAP (Mine Resistant Ambush Protected). Building them as fast as we can will keep me busy for the foreseeable future." His wife and two children are enjoying being back in the US, and he looks forward to visiting Cornell again.

Our armed forces are also in the good hands of **Arlene Saitzyk**. Arlene is a clinical psychologist and US Naval officer working in Okinawa, Japan, serving 12 schools as a child psychologist for Educational & Developmental Intervention Services. For fun she runs along the sea wall (facing the East China Sea) and travels. She is learning how to hire civilian personnel, so if you are an OT, PT, SLP, early childhood psychologist, special educator, or social worker, contact her. Arlene wishes she were surfing in San Diego (too much coral on the Japanese beaches). She misses late dinners at Cabagetown Café and the first warm sunny day of

each spring at Cornell. She would like to hear from former classmate **Dan Travers**. **George "Skip" Winters** finished his tour of duty after being in the Army in Germany for five years. He is now in gastroenterology at Overlake Hospital in Bellevue, WA, and has sons Ross, 4, and Duncan, 2. **Rob Milstein** and wife Connie went to Italy for their fifth anniversary. Rob works as manager of agency at Altig Int'l and enjoys playing with his 1-year-old son. His fondest Cornell memory is Dragon Day.

Back here on the mainland, there are plenty of good updates as well. **Nadine Shear** Weinberg works as an environmental consultant focusing on human health and ecological risk assessment. She is mom to two, Sam and Leah, and enjoys working on the house and visiting old friends. **Izzy Rudzki** Povich also is the proud parent of two, Molly and Ben, and is executive producer of the MSNBC show "Countdown with Keith Olbermann." **Leslie Scheidt** Redd works as director of admission and financial aid at a pre-school through grade 8 program for highly capable children, and in her spare time enjoys helping her sons with their homework. Last April, Leslie got together with **Jen Martin** Donahue, **Dee Troust**, and **Carolyn Kaplan** to celebrate the big 40. Leslie also got together with **Amanda Edelbaum** Moszkowski and husband Neal for an evening of reminiscing about good old Cornell days.

Noel '91 and **Trish Drobner Spear** moved to southwestern New Hampshire in 2005 and love all the skiing they get to do during the long winter months. Trish cares for their daughters Jessica, 8, and Abby, 6, and is active in the PTA for their school. She is also an active member of her local synagogue as a board member and chairperson of the religious school. Also involved in his synagogue is **Jeffrey Spector**. Jeffrey plays softball in a co-ed recreational league in his spare time and wishes he could be hiking in our national parks. He is a senior attorney doing labor and employment law for Sodexo Inc., a food services and facilities management company.

When he isn't working as an attorney at Blustein, Shapiro & Rich, **Michael Blustein** enjoys golf and taking care of his daughters Hannah, 10, and Rachel, 6, and his new puppy. He reunited in Las Vegas with **Steven Cooper**, **Eric Berman**, **Guy DiPietro**, **Matt Harrison**, **Stu Strumwasser**, **Steve Solomon '90**, **Joe Cohen '90**, and **Roger Slane**. Finally, I want to send congratulations to **Erika Ange** Sheehan, who gave birth to baby Zoe Madeline in July. Best wishes to mommy and family!

So much news! Please remember to mail back your dues forms with news, use the link at www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.cfm, or e-mail us at any time with tidbits and updates. It makes our day to hear from you! ♦ **Lauren Hoeflich**, laurenhoeflich@yahoo.com; **Anne Czaplinski** Treadwell, ac98@cornell.edu; **Mike McGarry**, mmcgarry@dma-us.com; **Stephanie Bloom** Avidon, savidon1@hotmail.com.

90 Thanks to all of you who sent in news! Department of Law: **Patricia Flores** was named Houston's 2006 Paralegal of the Year by the Houston Metropolitan Paralegal Association. Pat has worked in Locke Liddell & Sapps's litigation

section since 1997. **Bill Litt** joined the Monterey County (CA) Counsel's Office as a deputy county counsel last October. He also reported that he and his second wife recently divorced. "Miraculously," he wrote, "I'm still friends with both former wives."

Department of Publishing: **Joseph Roevens** sent a link to his latest book, *Organize With Chaos*. According to the publisher's blurb, he is a professor of management at NHTV U. of Applied Sciences in Breda, the Netherlands. He'd like to hear from **Gardner Cooley '88** and **John Erthein**. (Reminder: Many alums can be found in the Cornell Alumni Directory online at <https://directory.alumni.cornell.edu> or through the link at <http://alumni.cornell.edu>.)

Department of Procreation: **Larry Gritz** and his wife Beth Loughney welcomed son Jack in summer 2006. Says Dad, "Neither of us was particularly child-oriented before he arrived, but we're both having a fantastic time—every day is a blast!" When not running after Jack, Larry is running a software group at NVIDIA. The family lives in Berkeley, CA. **Rene Barseghian** welcomed a second child, Esben Nicholas Terp, on Dec. 17, 2006 in Hellerup, Denmark. **Amy Andrews Morehouse** apologizes for having lost touch with classmates, but she has an excellent excuse—she and husband **Randy '89** have four children, 10-year-old daughter Lauren and 3-year-old TRIPLETS Sarah, David, and Hannah! The Morehouses moved back to the Finger Lakes in 2006, after 16 years in Cincinnati, and are happy to again be close to family, Hangovers concerts, and Hot Truck.

Also a mom of multiples is **Rachel Korn** Goldberg, who had twins Miriam and Rebecca on January 25. The girls have brothers Daniel and Joshua. **Dan Fried** and wife DeLauné's second child Lucien Dubus Fried was born December 23 in an elevator in St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital in New York! Dad wrote, "I was going about 80 mph on the Saw Mill River Parkway and West Side Highway that Saturday morning, but this kid was clearly in a hurry; from the moment contractions started to delivery was under three hours." **Eileen Dolorico-McPeake** welcomed son Declan Ricardo on December 30. Declan has a big sister Caitlin, 4. Orthopedic hand surgeon **Moody Kwok** and wife Julie had their third boy in four years, Colin, who joined brothers Kevin and Connor in Hershram, PA. Also sporting a new son named Colin are co-class correspondent **Tamiko Toland** and husband **Ian Hayward '04**; their Colin, born June 12, joins brother Aidan, 3.

Department of Education: After eight years in North Carolina, **Amanda Willis** has relocated to Boston to teach animal law at Tufts U. In her spare time, she is "heavily involved in nonprofit work and striving to save the planet." As of January, **Lisa Lilienfeld** and her husband are associate professors in the clinical psychology program at Argosy U. in Washington, DC. They are living in northern Virginia with their three young children Alana, Hannah, and Alec. Lisa is happy to be down the road from **Fern Feil Kaufman '89** and would love to hear from other Cornellians in the area whom she knew at Cornell or Ithaca High School (LLilienfeld@argosy.edu).

Department of Cool Business Cards: "Director of Handsets" is what they call **Tony Lau**, ME

'93, MBA '99, at MetroPCS Wireless. Tony lives in Dallas with wife Yvonne, who works for Ernst and Young, and toddler Sophia. He invites classmates to contact him at TTL5@cornell.edu. In Los Angeles, **Alexandra Tasker** Marx asks if everyone else is as short on time as she is. In her case, it's because of a husband, Peter, a son Theo, 3, a line of "modern, stylish baby clothing" called Urbanbino, and a busy schedule as a licensed landscape architect. Alexandra does manage to carve out time to see **Renee Dake** Wilson '92, who lives nearby, and **Elaine Palminteri** Ardizzone '91, who lives in San Diego. In Florida, **Suzu Schwam** Tomassetti is back at work, after a 2-1/2-year hiatus, as a medical rep for Roche Pharmaceuticals. She is mom to toddler Joey and has been an active Cornell alum, meeting with local applicants for CAAAN. **John Flores** is writing about motorcycles for various New Jersey publications.

Department of Cyberspace: **Kathy Kirk**, who teaches applied spirituality, writes from San Diego to say that she's joined "the legions of bloggers"—read her blog at www.appliedspirituality.blogspot.com. Her goal is to travel the world speaking about and teaching the subject. Her oldest son, Judd, has been deployed twice to the Persian Gulf and she is relieved to have him on shore duty as a helicopter pilot instructor at Naval Air Station North Island on Coronado Island. Department of Marital Bliss: **Deidre Hubbard Michael** and husband **Mark '89** celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary in June. They have three kids, Sean, Catherine, and Colin, and live in Westchester County, NY. Deidre practiced banking law for 11 years and is now a stay-at-home mom. Mark is a managing director at Bear Stearns.

Department of Corrections. Contrary to what we reported in the May/June 2007 column, **Jeffrey Deutsch** is not a debt collection officer and has never had any connection to Sierra Military Health Services. We regret the error and appreciate Jeff's graciousness in setting the record straight. ♦ **Amy Wang** Manning, aw233@cornell.edu; **Kelly Roberson**, kelly-roberson@sbcglobal.net; and **Tamiko Toland**, stmoluag@yahoo.com.

91 Many thanks for sending your news to us! It's a pleasure to share all of the outstanding accomplishments and adventures of '91ers.

Do you remember how tough the job market was when we graduated? Fortunately, business is booming for many classmates. **Wayne Hickey** is senior VP at Weber Shandwick in Seattle, and **Seth Lehrman** is a personal injury attorney with Lehrman & Lehrman in Plantation, FL. **Michael Whitman** is principal options trader with Stuyvesant Trading and serves on the board of the American Stock Exchange. **Bo Bazylevsky** is head trader for JP Morgan Emerging Markets Fixed Income Division. He also serves on the board of directors for the Ukrainian Inst. of America. **Brad Bosart** is senior VP of investments for Bosart Investment Consulting Group of Wachovia Securities. He and wife Sherri are currently renovating their home in Bloomfield Hills, MI.

William Munze recently left Northeastern U.'s Cooperative Education department to join the for-profit world. He started as a recruiter with

Atlantic Associates in July and is developing a consulting and executive coaching practice in his "spare" time. **Shelly Cadora** is a technical marketing engineer for Cisco Systems and received US Patent (#7,065,197) in 2006. Way to go! Shelly and Paige Hammer recently hiked around Hawaii with their poodle Romeo.

Looking for connections? **Chuck Taylor** is the VP of marketing for Affinity Circles, a Web services company located in Silicon Valley that builds private-label online communities for more than 100 university alumni associations, fraternities, and professional associations representing 12 million members worldwide. Along with advising two Internet companies in the social media space, Chuck is serving as career development officer for the Harvard Business School Alumni Association of Northern California. He has also been training for his first triathlon (and swimming, mountain biking, skiing, golfing, and playing squash).

Jeff Davis is a mortgage technology consultant at Fannie Mae. He has been married for ten years to Eta, whom he met through her high school classmate **Ellen Goode**. They have daughters Ari, 7, and Alenoush, 4. Jeff shared that he recently went on a "mancation" to New Orleans with **Brent Sohngen**, **Jeff Cohen**, **Doug Burtnick '90**, **Ted Goldwyn '90**, and **Jeff Goldstein '90**, taking in much great food and music. He also catches the Cornell hockey game at Princeton every year with Jeff Goldstein, **Carl Neff '89**, and **Bill '89**, MBA '01, and **Carolyn DeWilde Casswell '90**. Go Big Red!

Congratulations to **Beth Beckh** for receiving tenure at UC Davis. Beth is now an associate professor of management at the Graduate School of Management. **Laura Hubbert DiCarlo** moved from Oxford, MS, to Michigan in August with husband **David**, PhD '94, and their three boys. Laura was involved with a women's group at Ole Miss, volunteered at her children's schools, delivered meals on wheels, and played on a traveling tennis team. David is a professor of crop and soil sciences.

Also in education is **Lisa Epstein** Jay, a preschool music teacher and mother of three. **Shawn Reeves**, MAT '97, writes that he is attempting radical physics education reform as president of EnergyTeachers.org. He and wife **Alison Nash '98** planned to move back to Ithaca in September. **Howie Stein** and his wife celebrated their first anniversary in June. He has two more years of rabbinical school in Ohio before he is ordained. **Fern Yocum** Kanitz is a graduate student in counseling psychology at U. of Wisconsin, Madison.

We are well represented in the field of medicine, too. **Margaret Showel** is a physician in Baltimore, **Michael Edwards** is an attending surgeon at the Medical College of Georgia in Augusta, and **Howard Wang** is working as a plastic surgeon and assistant professor at the UT Health Science Center at San Antonio. **Elizabeth Mirabile-Levens** is a pulmonary and critical care physician. She and husband **Doug '92** live in Cheshire, CT, with sons Peter and Eric. **Dawn Harris** is an ER physician at Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital. She and husband Mike take advantage of the Pioneer Trail, a huge mountain bike/running/hiking trail system in their backyard (literally!), and also do lots of skiing at Tahoe. Dawn ran her first half-marathon side-by-side with her sister.

Lisa Levitt is also taking advantage of the outdoors. After almost 20 years of bad weather in Ithaca, Ann Arbor, and Boston, Lisa relocated to the Los Angeles area to be near the sun and family. She has kept busy packing and unpacking over the past year, moving three times! Now she's settled in Redondo Beach, where she works as a senior program manager with Blue Shield of California. She enjoys being able to get out more for hiking, yoga (she is a certified instructor), and, of course, going to Cornell events. She looks forward to connecting with old and new friends in the community. Drop her a line at lisa_levitt@yahoo.com.

On to nuptials. **Ina Kurcz** is delighted to announce her marriage to David Barish on October 28, 2006 in Topanga Canyon, CA. She writes that **Nike Horoszewicz** and **J. Scott Lewis** attended, all the way from North Carolina. Ina and David currently reside in Marina del Rey, CA. **Eileen Bowden** married David Feeley on May 5, 2007, with **Erica Calderas** as the matron of honor. Eileen is a software trainer for Autotask in Albany, NY, and David is a major in the NYS National Guard.

Lori Attanasio Woodring and husband **Patrick '90** relocated to London in June 2006 and welcomed daughter Siena Ruby on October 28, 2006. Siena joined twin sisters Tessa and Isabella, who turn 3 in December. The Woodrings have enjoyed seeing several Cornellians "across the pond" including **Jana Pompadur** Kierstead, **Jack Gonzalez**, MBA '97, **Billy Abrams**, MBA '93, and **Zachary Rabinor '93**. **Betsy Alley** also sent greetings from London, with news of her first child, Carmen Normandy Alley-Strocher. Betsy is a trustee for a small museum in East London called the Ragged School Museum, which allows visitors to experience the life of the Victorian poor.

Kids are keeping many classmates busy! **Jean Signorelli** Spiegel is the store manager for Kohl's in Albany. She and husband Bruce welcomed daughter Sophia on April 30, 2007. Soon they'll be shuffling her around to various activities along with big sister Lauren. Jean mentioned she would love to hear from **Jeff Bell** and **Scott Gargash '92**. **Rebecca Darien** Yodzio and husband Wayne are enjoying raising sons Tyler, 3, and Dylan, 1. She is a consultant for Darien Consulting. **Johanna Sagarin** is a psychologist and clinical director for Children's Friend Inc. in Worcester, MA. She and husband Philip Villars enjoy driving Maya, 5-1/2, to all of her activities and playing with Jonah, 2. **Richard '89** and **Heather Atwood Forrest** are tending to Hannah, 3-1/2, and Sylvia, 1-1/2.

Keep the news coming and we'll keep printing it! You can share your latest happenings with us via e-mail, through the link on our class website (<http://classof91.alumni.cornell.edu>), or on the news form in our most recent class mailing. ♦ **Kathryn Kraus** Bolks, klk22@cornell.edu; **Sharilyn Carter** Heslam, sheslam@berkshirepartners.com; **Ariane Schreiber** Horn, ams14@cornell.edu.

92 Greetings, all! I hope this writing finds everyone enjoying the fall. My better-than-better-half of over seven years, Christopher, and I were busy this summer enjoying time with our two little boys, Sean, 3, and Ryan, 8 months. We weren't

able to break away from our Sesame Place schedule to fit in the 15th Reunion tour, but there's still lots of news to share from Reunion and beyond!

Lisa Everts, an Ithaca resident, writes that she enjoys having fellow Cornellians visit when they're in town. Lisa had a great time reconnecting during Reunion with her Chi Omega sisters **Allison Bergstrom**, **Amy Levine**, MD '85, **Lisa Mansfield**, and **Vicky Lattone**. Vicky is headed to graduate school at Tulane U. to pursue an MSW/MPH dual degree in emergency response and disaster management. Classmates **Mark**, MBA '93, and **Sarah Ballow Clauss** report that while Mark is busy at the Corporate Executive Board, Sarah is continuing her work in preventive research involving children with high cholesterol. **Wendy Griffen** Valente and husband Jonathan currently reside in E. Greenwich, RI, where Wendy is spending her time riding hunter/jumpers (horses). **Umbereen Mustafa**, another horse enthusiast, works in marketing for Birds Eye Foods. When not riding, she enjoys spending time with son Siraj, 4-1/2, and daughter Jinan, 2.

Check out the sounds of **Dylan Willoughby**, MFA '95's songs at www.myspace.com/wespeak intongues that he has written and produced with fellow Cornellians. In other musical news, **Trisha "Tish" Oney** is happy to report that she performed her doctoral recital at the Pasadena Jazz Inst. and received her DMA from USC this past May.

We also have news from some of the class Legal Eagles. When not busy at the firm of Winston & Strawn in NYC, **Allyson Wenig** Jacoutot and husband Kenneth are enjoying their new surroundings in South Huntington, NY, with daughter Sarah, 3, and son Ethan, 9 months. **Jay Geiger**, an attorney at Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP in Washington, DC, took the plunge this past April and tied the knot with Michalele Manigrasso. Congrats, Jay! **Joseph Hellerstein** writes that he, wife Daniella, and their five children are living in Tel Aviv, Israel, where he practices as an attorney specializing in international corporate transactions. **Stacey Rappaport** was recently elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the New York County Lawyers Association. Stacey is currently a partner in Milbank's (NYC) litigation department.

Kathleen Facey Caudill and husband George recently welcomed little Catherine Gray into the world. Kathleen is taking time off from her position as senior HR manager at SAIC to care for her bundle of joy. Welcome to the world of motherhood! Classmate **Suzannah Johnson Creedon** and husband **J.D.**, MBA '99, have relocated to the London area, where Suzannah reports that J.D. is heading up an expansion project for Glasshouse Technologies, and daughters Eleanor, 5, and Diana, 2, are enrolled in British schools and working on their accents! Suzannah writes she is "keeping busy exploring and planning lots of trips." **Lily Xun Zhang** of Hong Kong writes that she is working for Credit Suisse Group and would most like to hear from classmate **Samir Undevia**. Please drop her a note! **Bonnie Wolf** Greenwald is part of the Maple Medical Group in White Plains, NY. She and husband Joshua are busy keeping up with their 6-year-old twins while fixing up their new house.

More news from classmates in the medical profession: **Jennifer Spencer Victory**, a research nurse and study coordinator, is on the board of directors for the Cooperstown (NY) Art Association. **Rebecca Cleveland Franklin**, when not busy in the bacteriology lab at Cornell's Vet college, is a firefighter/EMT and an active committee member of the Firemen's Assoc. of New York and president of the Central New York Firefighters' Assoc. Rebecca brings her knowledge to the classroom by educating elementary students through the Learn Not to Burn program. Keep up the good work!

Rachel Raabe Destito writes that she is graduating from the U. of Vermont family nurse practitioner program and will be preparing for the job search. While completing her degree, Rachel and husband Chris moved to Shelburne, VT, in February and welcomed daughter Rosie a month later, joining Emma, 4-1/2, and Max, 2-1/2. Good luck with the new baby, the new house, and the job hunt! Several classmates write that they are doing well on the career front. **Michael Litvak** is happy to report that he was promoted to director with Gartner Consulting (NYC) this past April. **Mat Zucker** started a new job as VP, executive creative director at Agency.com (NYC). And Michael Lipson was awarded tenure in the political science department at Concordia U. in Montreal. Best wishes to all in your new roles!

Thanks to everyone for sharing their news. Keep it coming! ♦ **Lois Duffy** Castellano, lkd2@cornell.edu; **Jean Kintisch**, jmk226@cornell.edu; **Wilma Ann Anderson**, info@WilPowerEnterprises.com; **Megan Fee** Torrance, megan@torranceinc.com.

93 I am writing this column at the end of August. Hopefully you are all on vacation and planning on sending colorful reports of your travels and encounters upon your return! Please remember to keep your class officers updated on your lives so we can keep the column interesting. Have you recently moved? Gotten a new job? Gotten married? Had a baby? Bought a house? Heard from other classmates? Your class correspondents want to hear all about it! Our e-mail addresses are at the end of this column.

We have heard from several classmates-turned-attorneys recently. **Stephen Stern** wrote, "I live in Maryland and work in D.C. I have a wife and two daughters, ages (almost) 4 and (barely over) 1. I have been practicing law for more than 11 years, and am now a partner at Ross, Dixon & Bell LLP. Life has been pretty good." **Ryan Smethurst** is a partner in the Washington, DC, office of McDermott Will & Emery LLP. "I assumed a lead role in settling 508 sexual abuse cases against the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Los Angeles in July 2007. I am also involved in insurance disputes arising out of debris removal injuries at the World Trade Center site in Manhattan and asbestos-related bankruptcies." Ryan lives with wife Christi and children Vaughn and Lexy in Alexandria, VA.

In baby news, **Chris Fenton** and wife Jennifer welcomed fraternal twins Kaylie Ryan and Dylan Hudson on January 19, 2007. Chris writes, "Both parents will be campaigning their kids on

their respective alma maters for the next 18 years." Chris predicts that both kids will attend Cornell—no doubt in his mind. Chris continues to run his own management/production company in Los Angeles, H2F Entertainment, while Jennifer left her law practice to be a very happy stay-at-home mother. **Scott Jackson** is also a first time dad. He writes, "My wife Mandi (who this fall will begin her career as a professor of urban studies at Wesleyan U.) and I welcomed our first-born son Maxwell Frederick last year." Scott is entering his second year as chief administrative officer for his hometown of Hamden, CT.

research analyst, but says he'd "rather be running his own hedge fund!" **Nancy Richmond** Goldstein, MBA '96, JD '97, sent her e-mail back immediately! She is an associate in the real estate department at DLA Piper in Washington, DC, and lives in Potomac, MD, with husband Eric and son Zachary. **Uri Lopatin** has moved on from the NIH, where he finished an infectious disease fellowship, and is now an associate director at Schering-Plough. **Chris Doucette** wrote, "With my Cornell degree in hand, I moved to Washington, DC, 13 years ago to make the world a better place by working in the nonprofit sector. The world is

‘The world is worse than it was when I started, so I quit my job, and now I do stand-up comedy.’

CHRIS DOUCETTE '94

Jon Russell is an old hand at fatherhood already. "My little one, Will, just turned 2 a couple of weeks ago, and older son Jason is about to turn 4 in November. I can't believe how fast time goes by." Jon also let us know that congratulations are in order for **Erica Reiner**. She married John T. Williams on September 1, 2007 in Vermont. Attendees included Jon, **Jason Newman**, **Jennifer Haynes** Bornstein, **Elizabeth Fox** Ohana, and **Jen Sultan** Blumenthal. Erica and her new husband live on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. Also in wedding news, the *New York Times* reported that **Tatiana Rosak** Birkelund, MBA '98, got married on June 9, 2007 in New York. Tatiana is a vice president for sportswear merchandising at Polo Ralph Lauren in Manhattan.

Lady Charmaine Day wrote to tell us that she finished writing a book of wisdom called *Zero Mathematics: The Science of Today*. It's based on the concept that "every problem that exists is a wisdom problem. If you have wisdom to solve the problem(s) you face, the problem(s) will be resolved." You can find more information about Lady Day's book at: <http://unlimitedhelp.com/cart/html/26.html>.

That's all the news for now. Please, please, please keep the news coming. You can either e-mail your class correspondents or submit your news online at <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/classes.htm>. Thanks! ♦ **Erica Fishlin** Fox, erica zzz@aol.com; **Yael Berkowitz** Rosenberg, ygb1@cornell.edu.

94 Happy fall/winter, everybody! It's year-end and I once again am the beneficiary of a slew of "new" news, as I'm writing this in mid-August right after our annual e-mail solicitation! About 50 of you wrote in, so I'll try to get in as many as I can now, and then Dineen and Dika will continue to report until a) we run out of news or b) another year goes by and we update again!

Obed Cepeda wrote in using our News Form back in May. He is currently a biotech equity

worse than it was when I started, so I quit my job, and now I do stand-up comedy. I perform all over the country and I've appeared on NPR and Fox and in the *Washington Post*. Peace!" Also living in Washington, DC, is **Gerry Cooney**. Gerry lives with his 5-year-old daughter and works for a government contractor as a senior HR manager. He also has his own HR business as a side entity.

Kary Spadoni Myers lives in Rochester, NY, with her husband and children Owen, 4, and twin girls Cate and Harper, born Dec. 16, 2006. Kary works from home part-time as an implementation consultant for Meridium, an asset performance management software company. She is also involved in CAAAN, hosting events for incoming Cornell freshmen from the area. **Chris Horan** is the head of the Fire & Security division of Johnson Controls in New York, and was recently selected as one of the Top 20 Industry Leaders under 40 by *Security Systems News*, the largest security publication in the nation. Chris and wife Karen also recently purchased a home in Costa Rica. **Ryon Coleman** is manager of security technologies at 3e Technologies Int'l, headquartered in Rockville, MD.

Michael and **Jenna Saidel Lebowich** had a newsy update. "We live in White Plains, NY, with our 6-year-old daughter Marina, a budding chef (future Hotelie like Mom?). Jenna is the owner of IN3 Consulting, which provides strategic HR counsel and support to smaller-sized companies in hospitality and other industries. Michael is a labor lawyer in NYC with Proskauer Rose LLP, where he's been since 1997. He is also on the ILR alumni board. We are currently in the midst of renovating our 1920s house and have also become avid cyclists in the past few years. We are still very close with **Susan Greenwood**, a lawyer in Manhattan; **Kristin D'Amico** Kirk (and husband Shawn), who now has two adorable little boys and lives in northern New Jersey; and **Matt Solomon**, MBA '95, and wife Kari, who have 3-year-old twins (one of each). Matt is the VP of marketing for a relatively new Internet-based

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MICHELLE KNUDSEN '95

after a late-night shift in Uris Library, Michelle Knudsen wrote the first draft of what would become her most popular children's picture book to date: *Library Lion*, about a lovable feline who mysteriously appears at a neighborhood library. The book, released in fall 2006, was on the *New York Times* children's best-seller list for more than twenty weeks. "The library—the building, the books, the sounds, the smells, and above all, the people—helped to inspire *Library Lion*," Knudsen says.

Library Lion is the first bestseller for Knudsen, who has published thirty-eight books and worked in children's publishing as an editor and a writer for more than a decade. The book garnered honors from *School Library Journal*, Amazon.com, and *Nick Jr. Family Magazine*, among others. Illustrated by Kevin Hawkes and published by Candlewick Press, *Library Lion* is dedicated to



Carol Buckley, a longtime Cornell library employee who died in 2005 from ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).

Knudsen now lives in New York City; her next book, a fantasy adventure novel aimed at a middle-school audience, is due out from Candlewick in the fall of 2008. "I'm so glad I was able to share my love of the library by writing this story," she says of *Library Lion*, "and I hope that it inspires readers to love their libraries, too."

— Chris Philipp

photo and media storage company called Phantare.com. We also see **Lisa Keswick**, now a pediatrician in Providence, RI, at least once a year when we meet for Cornell hockey games. We've had to clean up the cheers, so the kids now yell, "Slew BU, Harvard too!"

Jeremy Brunner is the VP and fourth-generation owner of the Espoma Company, which manufactures and markets its own line of natural organic gardening products for the US lawn and garden industry. Jeremy is married to **Randee Strair** and they have daughter Jordan, 6, and son Jared, 4. The family resides in Cherry Hill, NJ. **Enrique Vila-Biaggi** wrote in while at JFK Airport on the way back home to San Juan, PR! He runs his own company, IEDIFIKO, Puerto Rico's largest building and facilities management company. Enrique recently celebrated his 11th wedding anniversary with wife Rosalyn, and the couple has three daughters, Sofia, 9, Veronica, 6, and Patricia, 3. Also living in Puerto Rico is **Arnaldo Ruiz**, who was recently married to Wanda Torres.

Arnaldo manages a beach hotel in Rincon—"Great discounts for Cornellians!"

Brian Kaplan, married with three kids, writes in from Baltimore, where he works in private practice as an ENT. He notes that he hasn't been back to Cornell in a while, but "Cornellian patients come in every few months to describe their latest Hot Truck!" New parent **Todd Beck** writes from Los Angeles. He and wife Susanna welcomed daughter Willa Hope in November 2006. Todd runs an entertainment and technology PR agency and just launched a new "entertainment meets technology meets green living project called 2SWAP. The company's first product is a book-swapping service that aims to free all of the captive books sitting on your bookshelves" (www.2SWAP.com). Todd also serves as president of the Muscular Dystrophy Association's L.A.-area executive committee.

In other parenting news, **Diane Scheu** Lentini announces the birth of her second child, Emma Jean, on March 2, 2007, joining big brother Joseph. **Michele Swerdlhoff** Riedel shared that **Matt Scott**

and wife **Kristin Iglesias** '93 have a son Hunter. In addition, Michele started an agency in NYC, PEAK Services for Children, where teachers work one-to-one in preschool classrooms with children who have special needs. Enjoy your holidays and have a safe and happy New Year! ♦ **Jennifer Rabin** Marchant, jennifer.marchant@kraft.com; **Dineen Pashoukos** Wasylik, dmp5@cornell.edu; and **Dika Lam**, dikaweb@yahoo.com.

95 Greetings, fellow '95ers! It's hard to believe we've reached the end of 2007. This past autumn I found myself missing our Cornell days more than ever. Could it be because it's been 12 years since we graduated and left that wonderful institution? Or was it simply because I'd finished the Harry Potter series and was nostalgic for our younger days together? Either way, I miss our time as a cohesive class at Cornell and feel that the Class Notes is a place where we are able to come together again, even if it's only in print. Join me now for a read of our classmates' updates and news.

On April 14, 2007, **Matt Wilkinson**, MPS '97, married Ronni Buckler in Ocean City, MD. Cornellians were in both the wedding party and general attendance. Ushers included **Eric McCallig** '93, ME '95, and **Alon Barzilay**. Eric and his wife **Shelly (Hill)** '98 traveled from Burlington, VT, for this joyous event. Alon performed double-duty by also playing a piano piece he arranged for the processional. **Justin Smith** was in attendance and hurried home to Pennsylvania after the wedding for the baptism of his twin girls.

Sanjoy Biswas and Mita Chatterjee were married in a small civil ceremony on May 27, 2007 in Philadelphia. The reception followed several months later on July 14 in New Hartford, NY, with many classmates sharing in their celebration. **Erika Eason**, **Erin Harty**, **Jim Whitaker**, **Mike Skorich**, **Greg** and **Meg Waterman Salgueiro**, and **Chris Golgert** were all in attendance, along with **Rob Feld** '96. Sanjoy and Mita met at a mutual friend's wedding in 2005 and started spending time as friends playing music together. Needless to say, there was magic in the music and the pair were soon lovestruck! They are planning a traditional Hindu ceremony in India during the winter.

Next comes the baby carriage! **Kevin Martone** and his wife Drey welcomed a new addition to the their family. Baby Brendan Ronald was born on May 25, 2007 and became little brother to 3-year-old Patrick. "Everyone is doing well," writes Kevin. **Cherylanne Muraski** Skolnicki sent in this exciting update. "We are thrilled to announce the birth of our son, John Tucker Skolnicki! Tucker made his entrance in this world on August 9. Mother and son are in perfect health and are peacefully getting acquainted, and Ella is an absolutely jubilant and loving big sister!"

That's all the news there is to print at the moment. Don't forget that you can send news to Alison or me via the class website, <http://classof95.alumni.cornell.edu>. Click on "News" and an easy-to-fill-out form will pop up. Looking forward to hearing from you! Happy Holidays everyone—and Happy 2008! ♦ **Abra Benson**, amb8@cornell.edu; **Alison Torrillo** French, amt7@cornell.edu.

96 Do you think a lot about gum? More specifically, do you have ideas about how gum could be changed or improved? If so, you might consider getting in touch with **Linda Lee**. Linda is the director of global gum innovation for Cadbury Schweppes, the world's largest confectionary company and the folks responsible for Trident, Dentyne, Bazooka, and Bubblicious. Based in New Jersey, Linda's job involves "traveling around the world and thinking of new chewing gum ideas that consumers will love." My suggestion: a magic chewing-gum meal that contains tomato soup, roast beef, and blueberry pie.

Cheryl Dollard Smith is a busy person. In addition to her job as a high school biology teacher, she coaches soccer and (gentlewoman) farms 15 acres of grapes near the Fredonia, NY, home she shares with husband **Robert '95** and daughters Andrea, 8, and Emily, 5. **Karen Schnelwar** lives in New York City and "loves" her job as the director of brand strategy for Desgrappes Gobé, an international branding and design company. Karen takes full advantage of the museums and galleries in Manhattan, and spends as much time as possible vacationing on Cape Cod. Fighting the good fight in the courtroom is **Krista Green Pratt**, a management-side employment attorney in the Boston office of the Seyfath Shaw law firm. In Feb. 2007, Krista and her husband were joined by son Declan. **Vivek Puri** checked in from Arlington, VA, where he is VP for classic homes. Vivek married Chaitanya Reddy in June 2007, and traveling to Boston for the ceremonies were **Nick Grego**, **Ted Erkkila '97**, and Ted's wife Siobhan and son Henry.

Our class produced no shortage of medical professionals, including **Edward Rivera** (an internal medicine specialist in New Jersey), **Tarun Kapoor** (the regional medical director for EmCare's hospitalist division in Philadelphia), and **Wendy Meredith Hunter** (a San Diego pediatrician and a new mom; son Edwin was born in April 2007). The dental profession is well represented by **Matthew Ginsburg**, who reports that he is hard at work in Boston "chillin'" and "planning a family" with his wife Dana. **Jessica Schwarting Good** is a licensed clinical psychologist in Maryland who divides her time (presumably in unequal parts) between playing with her son and husband, yoga, snowboarding, and scuba diving.

Rajen Shah, who spent his freshman year being shushed in "the morgue" study lounge at Mary Donlon Hall, is now a partner at Post Road Capital, where he researches, identifies, and analyzes potential equity investments for a long/short value hedge fund. Earlier this year, Rajen and his wife Seema moved into a new Manhattan apartment. Fifty blocks to the south lives **Haseeb Ahmed**, executive director for JPMorgan Chase Bank, and his wife Naema.

Those who have visited Bainbridge Island outside Seattle know to be envious of **Larry Biscotti**, who makes his home there with wife Jacque and their two children. Larry, zone VP of sales for Toshiba Medical Systems, lives just two miles away from **Dan Eastman '94**, and has fond memories of warming up on chilly Wednesday evenings with Ruloff's clam chowder after Wines class. **Mitul**, MS '98, and **Michelle Shah Dalal**

are parents of two girls, ages 6 and 1, in Grafton, MA. When not working for Intel as a senior process development engineer, Mitul is the headmaster of an Indian cultural school and keeps in shape playing rollerhockey.

In June 2007, **Marc and Allison Santacroce Saulsbury '97** greeted their first child, daughter Caroline Reese. Joining Caroline in the new baby parade are Sarah Charlotte, daughter of **Maggie Berman Ewell** (Aug. 2006); Matthew, son of **Ariella Bengner Werner** (Nov. 2006); and Nicholas, son of **Luis Ambroggio** (Feb. 2007).

Finally, during my senior year, I shared a drafty lake house down the road from the Glenwood Pines. At the beginning of the year, the five housemates (plus three others) made a polar bear pledge to swim in Cayuga Lake at least once each month during the school year. Thanks to a warm fall, it was smooth sailing for the group through November. But December brought with it a cold snap, and all but four broke their pledge that month. Another person bailed in January. February started out cold, and the three remaining polar bears waited for a warm (i.e., above 35 degrees) day. Alas, the final week of the month was consistently below freezing, and **Greg Chorebanian** and I were ready to call it quits. Ready, that is, until **Kristin Brennan** showed up at our lake house door with a sledgehammer before classes on the last day of the month. Refusing to take no for an answer (did I mention the sledgehammer?), Kristin led Greg and me down to the shore. While we cursed at her from the dock, Kristin broke up the lake ice with her weapon and went for a leisurely swim among fresh icebergs. Last I heard, she was happily married with children, but I sometimes wonder whether Kristin is still as unblenching as she was on February 29, 1996. Those with evidence in favor or to the contrary are encouraged to write in! ♦ **Ron Johnstone**, raj6@cornell.edu; **Carin Lustig Silverman**, CDL2@cornell.edu; **Courtney Rubin**, cbr1@cornell.edu. Class website, <http://classof96.alumni.cornell.edu>.

97 With Reunion still fresh in our minds, a lot of classmates have been sharing memories from their time at Cornell. **Ian Ng** remembers his RA taking a group to a fraternity party over Orientation Weekend freshman year and then waking everyone up with a pancake breakfast in the lounge the following morning. And I thought my RA was cool . . .

We're still catching up on news sent in before Reunion. **Nick Halverson** sent in a detailed update last year. Nick married wife Jeanine in Aug. 2004. In Sept. 2005, he co-founded a real estate investment and development company called Paradise Brokers (www.paradisebrokers.net); the company has acquired land in the beautiful southern Pacific region of Costa Rica, with plans to develop large housing lots, condominiums, and walking trails. Nick wonders if maybe he should have enrolled in the Hotel school instead of the Ag college, but says the skills he learned in AEM prepared him well for his current endeavor. Nick has seen lots of Cornelliens while traveling, including **Pete Martelli** at **Larry Feinblum's** wedding in New York; **John Boyer**, **Jeff Smithline '96**, **Pete Kelly**,

and **Rob Shuck '98** at **Doug Hassell's** wedding in Ohio; and **Jason Punzel** in Wisconsin.

Several of the lawyers among us have sent in updates. **David Markert** is an attorney at Wiley Rein & Fielding; he has two daughters, Aral and Ella. Last year, **Tonya Noldon** was a law clerk to the Hon. Diana Saldaña in the US District Court for the Southern District of Texas. **Tamarra Strawn**, JD '01, relocated from Florida to start work as a family court attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Mid-New York in Binghamton. **Melissa Toner Lozner** is a part-time attorney at Lowenstein Sandler PC in Roseland, NJ; she spends the rest of her time trying to keep up with her 2-year-old daughter Ava and new arrival Tessa, born on May 22, 2007. Since passing the Washington Bar exam in February 2007, **Blakely Lord** has been catching up on activities she had to forego while studying, notably traveling and going to concerts. Blakely also teaches "Hebrew High" at a local temple in Seattle.

A few classmates living in the Garden State shared news. **Yu-Ming Chen** is living in Jersey City, NJ, and working as a fixed income research analyst. **Michael**, MCE '00, and **Jessica Becker Cooperman** live in East Brunswick. Michael works for Accenture as an international implementations program manager, and Jessica is a project manager at EDS, as well as assistant coach of the Princeton Tiger Lilies under-14 girls' ice hockey team. **Rachel Gardner**, DVM '01, is an equine internal medicine specialist in private practice. Rachel holds fond memories of polo at Cornell and continues to horseback ride. She and husband **Jason Pintar**, DVM '01, are renovating their home in Flemington, NJ.

Jonathan Griffin earned an MBA from the U. of Florida in 2005; he is a business manager for Arm & Hammer Animal Nutrition. Jonathan and wife **Lisa Ahijevych '99** have traveled around the country visiting family and friends, including **Neil Rejman** and his wife Elisabeth in Scipio Center, NY. **Adam Hoeherman**, MBA '06, completed his MBA at the Johnson School and relocated his product design and manufacturing company, American Innovative (www.americaninnovative.com), back to Boston. Adam's company introduced a line of high-end kitchen timers last year. **Grace Kang** is also an entrepreneur; she's the creative force behind Pink Olive, a Web boutique specializing in baby gifts and getaway items. She's been working hard to build her new venture, but still makes time for dinner with friends.

Gerald Sun, MCE '98, is living an exotic life overseas. A former Wilderness Reflections guide, Gerald spends his days working as a client general manager in Singapore. In his off hours, he's a Scuba instructor and underwater photographer, a pursuit that's taken him to Palau. **Jennifer Mattucci** Santoro and husband John also love to travel; they planned a three-week trip to Southeast Asia over the holidays last year. Jennifer is a psychiatrist in private practice specializing in care of the mentally ill and women's mental health. She and John live in Fairfax, VA. Alas, travel is something **Capri Simms** wished she had more time for when she checked in earlier this year. Capri is an emergency medicine resident living in Belleville, NJ. Studying for board examinations occupies a lot of her time, but she still makes

room in her schedule for dancing and quality time with her niece and family. **Cristian I. Castillo-Davis** relocated last year to the Washington, DC, area for a tenure-track position as assistant professor of biology at the U. of Maryland.

I have wedding news from both coasts. **Christine Booss** sent in word of her marriage to Kevin Cadman in July 2006. The event took place north of San Francisco, CA, where Christine and Kevin have lived for a couple of years. **Elizabeth Malang** was the maid of honor and **Duncan Watts, PhD '97**, also attended. Christine is an associate with Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP, and Kevin is a financial analyst. **Mike Lifland, MRP '98**, married Robyn Heller on January 20, 2007 in New York. Both Robyn and Mike work in New York, she as a senior manager in operations for the securities evaluations department at Standard & Poor's and he as senior VP at KG Urban Advisors, a real estate investment and development company.

I'm happy to share news of several new additions to the Cornell family. **Pam Feliciano Colosimo** and husband **Rick, JD '97**, are parents of Dylan, born December 11, 2004, and Nathan, born August 22, 2006. Pam completed her PhD in developmental biology at Stanford in 2004 and is the first part-time postdoctoral fellow at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. Pam noted that *Science* magazine included her doctoral work and resulting publications among the most important breakthroughs in 2005. **Brian Peiser** is a private equity investor working for a firm that buys primarily lower middle-market business services companies. Brian is adjusting to life in the suburbs and fighting the Chicago rush-hour traffic. He and wife Lisa are raising daughter Sophia Ann in Deerfield.

Mira Sullivan Leiwant and husband Andy married in August 2003 and have sons Austin, 2-1/2, and Dylan, 1. The family lives in New Jersey, where Mira works for Cordis, a Johnson and Johnson company. Mira writes, "I didn't think it was possible to get less sleep than what I got during my years at Cornell, but having kids has got that beat! Good thing Cornell gave me plenty of practice." **Jennifer DeLong** Harris, mother of Faith Lyndsay, who arrived on July 21, 2006, says she is also underslept. Jennifer and family live in Accokeek, MD; she is a communications and outreach coordinator and spends some of her free time as a school board member of Howard Road Academy in Washington, DC, and as commissioner of the Prince George's Human Rights Commission. **Jamie Papp** and wife Pamela welcomed son Jonah Charles on December 5, 2005 and love the amazing experience that is parenthood. **Jason** and Shannon **Matyas** had a special reason to celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary on July 6, 2007: the same-day arrival of son Elijah Washington. Big sisters Lydia and Norabel are very excited to have a little brother. Between parenting three children under 5 and preparing to leave the active duty Air Force after ten years, Jason's a busy guy. He's looking forward to putting his leadership experience to work in the corporate sector.

Check the next issue for more updates! Send your news in; we want to know about it! ♦ **Erica Broennle** Nelson, ejb4@cornell.edu; **Sarah Dear-dorff** Carter, sjd5@cornell.edu.

98 As you are reading this, 2007 is coming to its end. Another great year of news from our classmates. Marriages, children, new jobs, and travel. It's always nice to open up the alumni magazine, flip to the back, and learn about all your classmates/friends' accomplishments. Hard to believe that it has been almost ten years since we graduated. I'm looking forward to reunion next summer. Also exciting is that with reunion comes the opportunity to be a class officer. Do you like to be called Mr./Madame President? Do you take good notes? Do you like money? Or do you love getting news from your classmates that you can type into an article once every two months (or every four if you have a great partner). If you do, then check out <http://www.alumni.cornell.edu/CACO/resources.htm> and click "Officer Positions" to read more about all these wonderful roles and responsibilities. Between now and reunion, make sure to send in more updates—we need to hear about any and all of the things that are happening in your lives. We love sharing your news and hope you'll make our last six months of writing this column easy and enjoyable.

The awards keep piling up for **Leiha Macauley**. She has been selected to receive the Boston U. School of Law's Silver Shingle Alumni Award-Young Lawyer's Chair for her contributions to the legal profession and her leadership in the community. This award marks her fifth notable accolade from the Boston community since 2003. The award resulted from her work in developing, and now co-directing, CHAP, the Child Health Advocacy Partnership, a joint venture of the East Boston Community Health Center, the Medical-Legal Partnership for Children, and Day Pitney. CHAP is a non-profit program that teams doctors with attorneys to provide legal information and advocacy for low-income families.

John Baird is a law clerk, patent agent, and part-time law student and expects to get his JD in 2009. He got married in August and returned from Australia in March 2005. We would love to be sailing in Sydney Harbour right now! **Jack Lu** recently finished his internal medicine residency and chief residency at Upstate Medical U. in Syracuse. He is now in private practice in Lynchburg, VA. **Maria Dingli** works at the National Greek Tourist Office in London, England. She has been organizing exhibitions around the UK and Ireland and writes that she would love to be sitting on gold sand absorbing sun rays with a cocktail in hand. She remembers her great professors, great parties, Slope Day, and the amazing Cornell campus. She would like to hear from **Kimberly Gibson** Morgan and **Tracy Shailer** Coe.

Keith Fraser is an associate for the law firm Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz LLP. He practices in areas of intellectual property law, with an emphasis on litigation proceedings. Prior to joining the firm, he worked as an associate attorney with Freeman, Freeman & Smiley LLP in Los Angeles. He received his JD from Loyola Law School in 2001. **Micah Rosenbloom** is working for Brontes Technology, a 3M Company. He is co-founder and operations manager. **Sonja Knezevic-Kong**, MS ORIE '00, moved from Guy Carpenter (reinsurance brokerage firm) in NYC to their

Seattle office. She still does some consulting remotely now, too. Sonja likes to hike, bike, ski, and go to wine tastings. To get to Seattle she went on a spectacular cross-country drive—"3,000-plus miles in five days, with stops at Mt. Rushmore, the Badlands, and Yellowstone National Park."

Thanks to **Sarah Wetzstein** Long for providing several baby announcements. Congrats to everyone! Dr. **Anne Negrin** Reis and her husband Andy had a baby girl, Lindsay, on November 13, 2006. **Stacey Block** Rubinstein and husband Daryl had twins Andrew and Alexis on November 27, 2006. And in her own baby news, Sarah and her husband Mark had a baby boy, Mason, on November 15, 2006.

Correction Dept. Apologies to **Matthew West** for several errors and omissions in his news update in the last issue. He is the director of publicity, marketing communications/chief talent officer for Regan Campbell Ward-McCann, a division of McCann-Erickson Healthcare Worldwide. While we correctly listed his best experience at Cornell as being a teaching assistant for **Brian O'Hara Earle '67**, MPS '71's COMM 201 class, we should have also mentioned that he married Hallie Buchbinder in November 2006 in Roslyn, NY. Upwards of 15 Cornellians shared in the celebration!

Please, please, please send in your news. All you have to do is e-mail your latest stories, encounters, deep thoughts, tidbits, etc., to ♦ **Gregg Herman**, gdh5@cornell.edu; or **Erica Chan**, hc31@cornell.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!

99 People from our class have been moving all over the place. It's like nobody heard that there's this whole greenhouse gas issue going on. Just because you get married doesn't mean you have to change states, guys! Come on.

George Luscombe finished up law school at New York U. last year and moved from Brooklyn back to his hometown of Chicago, where he has a clerkship with a judge. George was one of those guys with the Justice for Cornell Workers (JFCW) crowd back during the service workers contract fight on campus in 1998. Now I guess he's looking at justice for Chicago workers. He doesn't even have to change the acronym. **David Sandoval** hasn't technically left New York City, except it sounds like he travels all the time with his band, Delexilio (<http://www.delexilio.com/>). It's a rock band with a Cuban sound. If you're ever in New York, you might check to see if they are on the schedule at the Crash Mansion. We don't know anything about that place, but it sounds like the Sage Hall we knew as sophomores.

It's true that it's been a long time since **James Stevens** moved from Philadelphia to pursue a master's in urban and regional planning at MIT, but your correspondent lives in Philadelphia and liked hanging out at James's place after our senior year. It's a little disappointing to find out that I missed the guy. In fact, a lot of people in this column left Philadelphia to pursue something else. It's almost a theme, but I swear—it's great here! Anyway, since graduating from MIT in 2006, James has taken work with ConsultEcon Inc., a firm that helps big institutions like museums and zoos figure out what they might build next. He

also got married last year . . . so we're probably not getting him back from Cambridge. Shucks. **Ory Holtzman** also left the City of Brotherly Love to pursue higher education, but she's this column's winner for longest-distance-moved. Ory went to Israel. She is about to start her last year at Sackler School of Medicine at Tel Aviv U.

Lee Humphreys and her husband made their way to Madison, WI, last year, and then the U. of Pennsylvania awarded Lee a PhD in communications for her dissertation, "Mobile Sociality and Spatial Practice: A qualitative field study of new social networking technologies." I remember talking to Lee about this and it had something to do with Friendster. Maybe. Anyway, now that she's got her degree, she has already landed a gig teaching interpersonal communications at UW, Madison this fall. Since then, **Matt Christianson** has also left Philadelphia. After finishing his residency in emergency medicine, he and his wife **Sarah (Toll)** moved to D.C. so he could work at Calvert Memorial Hospital while she finishes up her PhD at the U. of Maryland. They have a little more luggage than they had before, though. In December, Sarah delivered Claire Sophie Christianson, future member of the Class of '28. **Keren Zuniga-McDowell** got married about a year ago. She and her husband have just crossed the Mason-Dixon Line—from North Carolina to Boston, where she'll take a position as director of evaluation and assessment for the Education Resources Inst.

Fortunately, **Liz Arguelles** and **Tim Holden** are so pro-Brooklyn that they are actively trying to get more Cornellians to hang out there with them. Finally, some people who are staying in place! You know, they say a rolling stone gathers no moss, but no one explained what the problem with moss is. Liz and Tim liked being in Brooklyn together so much that they got married. Now she's Liz Holden, national logistics director for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. Tim, meanwhile, crossed into Manhattan enough to get his master's in education from Columbia. Knowing Tim, though, he did all that travel with mass transit. Now he's teaching seventh graders in the Booker T. Washington Middle School's Delta Program. That's right, seventh graders. Tim will definitely need renewable energy.

Next time, nothing but stories about Cornellians who stay in place. In fact, Cornellians who stay in Philadelphia. Riding only bikes and shopping strictly at free-range co-ops. ♦ **Brady Russell**, bradydale@thistoowillpass.com; **Melanie Grayce West**, mga6@cornell.edu; and **Jennifer Sheldon**, jls33@cornell.com.

00 Now that we're more than seven years out of college—and finishing out our 20s—it seems that many of us have been starting new chapters. We are experiencing changes and new beginnings, be it a career change, a move to a new locale, or welcoming someone new into our lives.

After seven years as a software engineer, **Jonathan Bender** is making a career change. He started working on his Master of Music in Choral Conducting at the U. of Arkansas, Fayetteville. Jonathan had the opportunity to serve as the tenor section lead for the Master Chorale of South

Florida's performance with the Cleveland Orchestra of Beethoven's *9th Symphony* "Ode to Joy" at the new Miami Performing Arts Carnival Center. He also launched his debut album, "The Bitter and the Sweet," which you can check out at www.jonbender.com.

In July 2006, **Jeff Ng** relocated to Hong Kong to manage the UBS regional advertising business in Asia Pacific. He's currently the regional account director of the Hong Kong office. Jeff says, "Coming back to Hong Kong has been quite interesting, as this was my birth place, but

‘Next time, nothing but stories about Cornellians who stay in place.’

BRADY RUSSELL '99

I never returned until now. The first year was definitely a cultural shock, even for an American Chinese like me." Jeff spends a lot of his free time traveling and has hit a lot of Asian spots, including Beijing, Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Tokyo, Taipei, Macau, Phuket, Koh Pengan, Bangkok, Khao Lak, and Singapore.

Also on the move is **Elena Nardolillo**, who relocated from the Midwest to the East Coast. She's spent the past four years at Whirlpool working in marketing for Jenn-Air and KitchenAid appliance brands, and is now in Boston working for Digitas, an online and direct marketing agency. Elena has been all over visiting classmates. Most recently, she saw **Emily Barocas** in D.C. and reports that she is doing great and working for NPR, and **Beth Conklin** Squire is working on her doctorate at Stony Brook. Elena also spent a week in NYC and saw **Tarra Helfgott** and **Samantha Cohn**. **Toni Santiago** Hollifield reports that she accepted a position as senior attorney in the Prosecution Unit of the NYS Division of Human Rights. She says, "Finally, I get to put my ILR education to good use!"

Christopher Godfrey graduated with a PhD in meteorology from the U. of Oklahoma. He writes, "My wife Elaine and I moved to the beautiful mountains of North Carolina so that I could begin a tenure-track faculty position in the atmospheric sciences department at the U. of North Carolina, Asheville." **Jennifer Louis-Jacques** graduated in May from the NYU School of Medicine and is now in her first year of a pediatrics residency at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York (Columbia Presbyterian Hospital). Jennifer keeps in touch with a few classmates, including **Kristen Schroeder**, currently working at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and **Michelle Fischman**, who is employed by Sherwin Williams in Pennsylvania. **Alfredo Rabines** graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in June and started his residency in emergency medicine at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx.

On June 28, 2007, **Seth Cochran** climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro. He said, "The beauty, scale, and diversity of Kilimanjaro completely blew me away." Seth's efforts raised funds for the Smile

Train, an organization that works to provide cleft surgery for children in developing countries. Seth raised enough money to provide 96 surgeries and he noted, "Reaching the summit was intense and surreal, but what really overwhelmed me was opening the Smile Train flag on top of Africa and thinking about how many families this effort of ours will positively impact."

Amy Jill Quan married Jeffrey Maddox on August 4, 2007. Members of the wedding party included **Jennifer Scarpati '99**, **Nicole Neroulis-Gupte '01**, and **Erik Quan '06**. Amy is an

attending optometrist at the Maryland V.A. Health Care System in Baltimore. Jeff, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, is a student in construction management. The couple honeymooned in Thailand. Another newlywed, **Jay Shah**, sent word that he married Lily Hong on March 17. The wedding was in Woodbury, NY, and the couple met in medical school at SUNY Stony Brook. Cornellians in attendance included **Anthony Chang**, **Naveen Sastry**, **Amar Thosani**, **Keyur Mehta**, **Dina Lomonte**, **Weifeng Li**, and **Parag Patel**. Jay and Lily now live in Pittsburgh, where they both just finished residencies in internal medicine. Jay is now pursuing a master's in biomedical informatics and will be starting a fellowship in nephrology next July.

Perhaps the best example of new beginnings comes from news of recent births. **Brian** and **Aisling Bier** are the proud parents of Emma Carlin Bier, who arrived on May 29, 2007. **Justin** and **Alyssa Walk Lipton** welcomed Cooper Joshua Lipton into the world on August 9, 2007. Cooper surprised Mom and Dad by arriving nearly two months early, but he's doing well, growing bigger and stronger every day. On the very same day Cooper made his appearance, my husband **Christopher Weld** and I joined the ranks of first-time parents. We're thrilled to announce the birth of Claire Kealy Weld!

Keep the news coming! ♦ **Christine Jensen Weld**, ckj1@cornell.edu; and **Andrea Chan**, amc32@cornell.edu.

01 It's that time of year again when some send out holiday cards or an annual letter in an attempt to stay connected. Reconnecting with classmates and friends has never been easier, and if you have not logged onto Facebook, consider doing so to check out our class's group page: <http://cornell.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2232474330>. You never know who you might find. Congratulations to **Melissa Hantman** and **Josh Pheterson** on their marriage in July. Melissa has been working as the director of communications for the Town of Brighton in Rochester, NY. In addition, she has been traveling to Israel and writing for the *New*

Piece of the Pie

MIKI AGRAWAL '01

When people hear about Miki Agrawal's Manhattan eatery, many have the same reaction: "Organic pizza? Isn't that an oxymoron?" But after tasting the food, Agrawal says, "they love it. Once they walk in the door, they'll keep coming back."

Opened on the Upper East Side in November 2005, Slice: The Perfect Food isn't your average pizza joint. Customers can choose from such ingredients as free-range chicken, soy cheese, and gluten-free crust. "Everything is all-natural and organic, meaning no antibiotics, no hormones, no pesticides, no preservatives," says Agrawal. "We don't have a freezer, because everything is made fresh."

The idea for Slice came to Agrawal five years ago, after she discovered she was lactose intolerant. "There was nothing that I could feel good about eating that actually tasted good," Agrawal says. "The pizza industry was so slow to respond to what was happening in the growing health-and-wellness market and the organic sector. There was a huge opportunity."

But healthy eating doesn't come cheap: prices run as high as six dollars a slice for specials like "The Miki," which features chicken sausage, goat cheese,



sundried tomatoes, and pesto on a honey whole-wheat crust. (Another custom slice—topped with hummus, kalamata olives, bruschetta, and caramelized onions—is named after Agrawal's twin sister, Radha '01, who does the restaurant's design work.) Says Agrawal: "You don't have to give up your favorite comfort food to eat better and live a healthier, longer life."

— Julia Langer '08

York Post, Jerusalem Post, and iVillage.com. Melissa received her master's degree in magazine journalism from New York U. in 2005. **Phillip Smith** married Kimberly Henehan on July 21, 2007 in Sharon, MA. Cornellians in attendance were groomsmen **Scott Kreidler** and **Paul Chin**, along with **Ben Ross '02**. The couple honeymooned in St. Lucia and managed to leave a few days before Hurricane Dean got to the island. After six years and two ships, Phillip is still in the Navy and stationed at Naval Station Newport, RI, as an instructor at the Surface Warfare Officers School Command.

On August 25, classmate **Justin McCarthy-Penziner** married Kathleen Anne Grey in St. Helena, CA, in the Napa Valley. The couple resides in Redwood City, CA, where Justin works as a senior associate in analytic and forensic technology at Deloitte Financial Advisory Services

LLP. **Eric and Cynthia Polay Swenson** joyfully announce the birth of their first child, Andrew Malcam, on February 19, 2007.

Saif Ahmed, a managing director with Elysium Analytics, consults for Wall Street firms, helping them with new and complex financial products. He also started his own company to help launch server innovative, next-generation finance tools. Residing in Brooklyn, NY, Saif recently traveled to and worked in Sydney, Australia. Also in the world of consulting, **Chaz Chandler** is working for Assumption Analysis Inc. in Fairfax, VA. In June 2007, **Allen Weiss** joined the Renaissance Tampa Hotel Int'l Plaza as a sales manager in Tampa, FL. In addition to his full-time position, Allen is an adjunct professor specializing in hospitality sales and marketing at Florida Int'l U., from which he received his MS degree.

Kanako Suzuki checks in from Ithaca, NY, while working as an architect for the Thomas Group. Recently she has been building a house. In her spare time, Kanako cross-country skis and jogs, but would rather be going for her master's. **Brooke Hafets** is working as an event and meeting sales manager for the Canyons Resort in Park City, UT. In her spare time, she has been involved in Leadership Park City, National Ability Center Equestrian Advisory Committee, CAAAN, and Utah Hunter Jumper Association. Brooke has also been skiing in Utah's legendary powder, competing on her new horse, Montego Bay, in the Utah Hunter Jumper Association, and learning to fly-fish.

Beyond our state borders, **Deniz Birinci** is working as the director of foreign relations for Nicosia Turkish Municipality. Although her work entails traveling around Europe to promote Nicosia abroad, Deniz would rather be in Ithaca, sitting in on lectures. Also expatriates, newlyweds **Jim Cheng** and **Lindsay Donaire** are thoroughly enjoying their life in Belgium and completed their second year living abroad this summer. Lindsay is in her seventh year working for Godiva Chocolatier (her first five years were at the New York headquarters). She is enjoying her dual role of human resource manager and learning/development manager, with responsibility for five countries: Belgium, England, France, Germany, and Italy. Jim took the opportunity to live abroad by focusing his banking career on European and Asian markets. After completing a degree in European relations with China, Jim accepted a global equity researcher role with Fortis Bank. From running from bulls to hiking in the fjords, Jim and Lindsay have taken advantage of living and working in Europe.

Jim and Lindsay were married this spring in a Chinese-American wedding. Several Cornellians were in attendance, including maid of honor **Angela Howell**; bridesmaids **Suzanne Guziec '00**, **MAT '01**, **Beth MacIntosh**, and **Danielle Rothman '02**; groomsmen **David Zackowitz**; and **Yasmine Legendre** and **Corey Worcester '99**, who were married the Saturday prior to Jim and Lindsay's wedding. **Jackson Lee**, **MEE '02**, and **Lee Ling**, along with Lindsay's freshman-year floor-mates **Priya Venkat** and **Benita Gonzalez**, were also in attendance. Another guest was **Jay Kumar**, **MS ORIE '02**, whose December wedding in Calcutta, India, to Pia Sareen was a wedding Jim and Lindsay were able to attend.

Ever wonder if any classmates are connected to some of our favorite shows? **Maureen Sullivan**, living in Redondo Beach, CA, is the assistant to the senior VP of production for 20th Century Fox Television, who oversees "24," "Bones," and "Prison Break." She writes that one thing she remembers fondly from Cornell were the Trillium sandwiches! Send news to: ♦ **Trina Lee**, **TKL6@cornell.edu**; or **Lauren Wallach**, **LEW15@cornell.edu**.

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Have you ever emptied the lint trap in your dryer, seen nothing but white lint, and said to yourself, "Man, I did a heck of a job separating my laundry!" Life is full of accomplishments. Some come only every four or five years, like degrees or marriages. Some come every month, like paying rent. And of course there are the little

things we accomplish every day. Keep writing to your class correspondents, and we'll share your news and achievements here in the class column.

For those who don't know me, my name is **Jeff Barker**, and at Cornell I was a Geology major, creative writing fanatic, actor, trumpet player, indoor intramural soccer champion, creator of "Smoker Olympics," and all around good skier. I was the one in Wines tilting the bottle at a 45-degree angle to fill my cup to a reasonable 4 or 5 oz. level. Oh, wait, that was pretty much everyone. After graduation I joined Teach for America, teaching eighth grade science in Phoenix, AZ, for a year, and then Kindergarten in the South Bronx for two additional years. Now I teach high school math in Portland, OR, and I'm proud to say I've mostly reached my five-year goal. I still have almost 90 percent of my hair, I've suffered no gastrointestinal blockages, I'm working on a fine set of abs, and I have the coolest dog ever. His name is MacGyver, and he catches the Frisbee better than any other dog in the dog park.

But enough about me. I've been made privy to some pretty good info that I know you're dying to hear. First on my list is **Sean King**, who not only got his BS from Cornell, but also his MS in Civil and Environmental Engineering in '04. Meanwhile he's been working for Mars and Co., specializing in business strategy, where he recently received a promotion to "consultant." Now Sean hobnobs with a variety of Fortune 100 clients. I bet he has some really killer business lunches, although that last part is mere conjecture.

Mary Lovejoy, who is in law school at U. of Chicago, informs me that **Shiva Nagaraj** is clerking on the D.C. Circuit Court, which I'm told is a pretty big deal. I bet Shiva's so busy he doesn't even have time for fancy lunches, but again that's just speculation. **Mike Paleos**, on the other hand, an avid supporter of lunch, is living it up in Hong Kong, working for Deutsche-Bank. On a darker note, **Tamera Stover**, who is currently working hard on her PhD in sociology at Berkeley, informs me that **Christen Aragoni** has stolen my dream. Apparently Christen recently finished her MFA in creative writing at American U. where she also won Best Novel. The last successful thing I ever wrote was a song about dinosaurs.

Speaking of someone who knows a thing or two about dinosaurs, **Gillian Boudreau**, who is currently immersed in a clinical psych PhD at Long Island U., recently released her first solo album, "Turn Around the Room." I own the CD, and let me be the first to point out that there isn't a single dinosaur reference anywhere, but it's still awesome. Gill is also a certified yoga teacher and the only person on the planet who can beat me in a headstand contest. Gillian was kind enough to tell me some news about a few other talented classmates. It seems that **Mike Stevens** and his grad school a cappella group were on "America's Got Talent," which really is quite the accomplishment. Ms. Boudreau also tells me that **Jason Hill**, while busy with his MD/PhD program, managed to co-produce a video to raise awareness about Hepatitis B. I'm glad someone's looking out for my liver.

Before I reach my word limit, congratulations to **Allie Schulman** and **Jake McSparron '01**, who tied the knot the weekend before our

5th Reunion. There's still loads of stuff I didn't get to, so stay tuned—and please e-mail me or Carolyn if you've got something you want to share. Remember, there's no accomplishment too small.

♦ **Jeffrey Barker**, jrb41@cornell.edu; **Carolyn Deckinger**, cmd35@cornell.edu.

03 Hello, Class of '03! Start requesting those vacation days now—our 5th Reunion is right around the corner! Be sure to mark your calendars for June 5-8, 2008 to come back to the Hill to celebrate! To find out more information on Reunion, head to our newly revamped class website, <http://classof03.alumni.cornell.edu/>, or contact either of our reunion chairs, **Jaimie Hanlon** and **Nicole Manning**, at classof03@cornell.edu. Also, please take a moment to update your address online (www.alumni.cornell.edu/update.htm) to ensure that you'll receive all of our class mailings during this important year.

OK, now that we're done with the business, on to the fun. Oh, wait, Reunion is fun! OK, on to the other fun part: updates.

Adrienne Dutt is "still living in San Francisco and loving the move out West! I'm doing Internet marketing at eBay and am surprised by how much I like Silicon Valley. I'm planning on completing my first half-Ironman triathlon in September (Big Kahuna)." Adrienne also shared that she would be rafting the Grand Canyon with **Adrienne Kroepsch** during the summer. Hope they had fun!

This was also a summer filled with graduations. Congratulations to **Sarika Modi** and **Jennifer Hui**, who are now MDs. Both are on the tiring road of residency now, but are still enjoying New York City. **Nieraj Jain** graduated from Duke with an MD. He's staying in North Carolina for a few more years as he completes his ophthalmology residency. **Jeremy Charles** also joined the ranks. He graduated from SUNY Downstate College of Medicine and is currently in his first year of psychiatry residency in the U. of Pennsylvania Health System. Congratulations to all of the graduates! That's definitely a huge accomplishment and I'm looking forward to hearing stories from residency. **Jamecia L. Finnie** is just getting started with medical school at the U. of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, TX. Hopefully the previous news from our classmates will serve as inspiration as she dives into the all-consuming world of medical school.

In a completely different field, **Reva Squire** recently completed the Howard U. JD/MBA program with a concentration in finance. She is now an associate at real estate and money management firm Jones Lang LaSalle in Washington, DC. **Yujin Chung** also had a quick update to share. He moved to NYC from Boston and transitioned from consulting to digital strategy and product development at Warner Music Group. He writes, "The main goal of this group is to find new revenue opportunities through digital and mobile licensing. It's a very turbulent time in digital media, to be frank, but the perks aren't bad either: free CDs, concert tickets, and programming Paris Hilton's cellphone (yes, she's on our label; yes, I'm slightly embarrassed; no, her last album was actually pretty decent)."

Here's an update from **Jonathan** and **Katie Nelson Schoenberg**. "We're happy to report on

our Cornell-filled Sept. 30, 2006 wedding. We were married in Sage Chapel and had our reception at the Big Red Barn! We were joined by many Cornellians for the wedding. We had best man **Vijay Iyer '00**, ME '04, and groomsmen **Jacob Timm '04**, **Matthew Kenney**, and **Daniel Boucher**, ME '03. On the bride's side we had bridesmaids **Elizabeth Kurrle** and **Alice Green '02**. In addition, **Mike Nicolls**, PhD '06, and **Christine Moon '01** did readings during the ceremony. Guests included a few more alumni, including **Eva Conant '04** and current students. The Class of '03 was represented by **Jacob Boon** and **Christine Banks**. After honeymooning in Jamaica, Katie finished her MS degree in animal science from the U. of Maryland in Dec. 2006. Happily we've both returned to Ithaca as graduate students at Cornell, Katie in the PhD program in Animal Science, and Jon in the PhD program in Aerospace Engineering. We bought a house in Ithaca and are enjoying being back on the Hill. We moved in just before the 2007 New Year and had a great summer, which included having several friends visit us during Reunion this past June. We are already looking forward to being in Ithaca for Reunion next year."

And that's the perfect note on which to end. Let's make sure to get back to the Hill in June 2008 for a great time! In the meantime, make sure to send your updates to me and Sam. ♦ **Sudha Nandagopal**, sn58@cornell.edu; **Samantha Buckingham Noonan**, noonans@seattleu.edu.

04 Deciding to forgo the finance world, **Aryeh Kaplan** left his post-graduation hedge fund job and started a JD/MBA program at Washington U. in St. Louis. Aryeh decided to finish this academic cycle with just the JD. I will withhold my temptation to speculate, but Aryeh's obsession for time with **William Balinbin** (also known as Chilly Willy) seems to have been fed by interning last summer as a judicial clerk (near Will) and interning this summer in Miami (near Will) working on Guantanamo Bay detainee defense work. As soft-hearted as heroes come, Aryeh also saved a 7-week-old puppy from a dumpster. Now renamed Gabby, the pup's bar mitzvah invitations should be in the mail. I, for one, look forward to the event (and will no doubt see Will there as well).

Our former *Sun* editor-in-chief **Nate Brown** moves on from two years in NYC with Random House to teach and write while completing an MFA in creative writing at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison. My favorite part of Nate's news is word of him marrying his Cornell sweetheart and classmate **Thea Brown**. We can all start the debate on whether Nate changed his name for Thea, or Thea changed her name for Nate. Or perhaps neither changed because they found each other to be perfect just as they were! (Hey, I cried at *Titanic*.) Another question that I have is whether their Cornell band This Sheep, That Sheep Ba Ba Ba reunited to play at the reception. Thea finished a master's in philosophy at U. of Chicago and joined Nate in Madison, where his sophomore students ask him, "Are you qualified to teach this course?" and "Do you like fried cheese curds?"

Meanwhile, one of the most upbeat women I know, **Afsha Abid**, shared her update on a career move from Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati, OH, to Novartis Consumer Health in her hometown, New York City. Between sips of tea near Piccadilly Circus in London, Afsha excitedly told me about her position as brand manager bringing her to international destinations for photo shoots. Everyone should keep an eye out for the latest Keri Lotion advertisement with a woman in an old oil painting. Outside of the office, Afsha volunteers with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and is busy starting up the Cornell U. Muslim Alumni Association (CUMAA). (Let me know if you're interested in learning more about this, and I'll forward your e-mail to Afsha.) Everything Afsha touches turns to gold, so I can't wait to see how CUMAA grows.

During the same business trip, Afsha and I also saw **Jeanne Hwang** and **Anjum Malkana**. While Afsha, Anjum, and I pigged out over sushi, Jeanne was hard at work with, of course, another top-billing client. Later, when Jeanne arrived, she explained that after almost three years of management consulting with Accenture, she joined Right Media, an online advertising start-up recently acquired by Yahoo!. Along with changing jobs, Jeanne moved to the Lower East Side to room with her ex-Cornell housemate **Shanty Mathew**. Outside of work, Jeanne is a regular at the New York Philharmonic and has become quite the golfer and snowboarder. Can we say, "well-rounded individual"?!

Now onto another New Yorker and fellow Alumni Council officer, **Duane Sun**. One of my favorite Shanghainese-Americans, Duane celebrates his recent promotion to associate as an equity trader at Goldman Sachs. Now in his fourth year, he helps Goldman recruit more smarty-pants Cornellians, so we can see him running around on campus several times per year. Every Sunday, Duane is certain to participate in one special pastime, brunch with his folks on the Upper East Side. Duane would remember his fellow Class Council officer **Stephanie Adams**, who enters her second year of law school at Northwestern U. Stephanie takes on much leadership responsibility in three roles: president of the Latino Law Students Association, president/magister of Northwestern's Booth Inn chapter of the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, and class representative of the university's Women's Leadership Coalition. Last summer Stephanie enjoyed the Windy City as a judicial extern. Chicago is lucky to have her!

We close with information about a number of gals and a guy near and dear to my Cornell experience. **Ben Cadwell** lets me know that **Susan Hua** was married in August to her high school sweetheart, Jimmy Connell. The wedding was held in Susan and Jimmy's hometown, Albany, and bridesmaids included **Petula Shyu**, **Yuriko Medina**, MS ORIE '07, and **Margaret Grisct**. Susan spent a year as a research assistant studying the behavior and ecology of the Tonkin snub-nosed monkey in Vietnam. Nowadays, she's studying conservation biology at Columbia U.

And so I end my last guest appearance as class correspondent. Interested in being a guest class correspondent as well? Let us know. **Vanessa**

Matsis Esq. will be back in our next issue. Hopefully by then I'll have received my MBA from Oxford U. and perhaps seen some more of you all. At the very least, I hope to see everyone at our 5th Reunion in 2009. Be sure to check www.cornell2004.org for the latest information on upcoming class gatherings. We have three coming up in London, NYC, and D.C. Best wishes from the United Kingdom. ♦ **Esther Tang**, statlerlove@gmail.com; **Vanessa Matsis**, vmatsis@gmail.com.

05 It's usually around this time of year when I miss Cornell's foliage. I went back to campus in July, and so much has changed in a little over two years! The new Noyes Community Center is up and running, and Court Hall is now considered Court-Kay-Bauer Hall. I also got a glimpse of the new Thurston Avenue Bridge connecting to North Campus. It's a single arch bridge now as opposed to having just stone walls. Perhaps it will be completed by Homecoming. An announcement before I launch into the updates: the *Cornellian* yearbook has made its inventory of 2005 yearbooks available on www.cornellyearbook.com. If your yearbook has been lost or damaged—or if you'd like to purchase one for the first time—check out the website.

Bryan Rosenthal moved to Boston after graduation to work with Nestle Waters North American as their Northeast area human resources manager. His position requires frequent travel between Massachusetts, Connecticut, and New York, and he is enjoying his experience with the company. Bryan visits his family in Chicago and tries to travel as much as possible to different parts of the world. He recently began classes to obtain a boating license. Due to a promotion, he is in the process of moving to NYC. Perhaps you remember jamming to the sounds of **Jeff Spirko**, who played guitar at the Nines, Ruloff's, the Palms, and the Big Red Relief tsunami benefit show senior year. Jeff now lives in Atlanta and is the fiddle/mandolin/guitar player for the country-rock band South 70. They were just voted Best Country Band in Georgia by Atlantacountrymusic.com and are currently in the process of shopping for a major label record deal in Nashville. **Rich Jones** sells health and safety kits for Cintas in Boston and is currently taking volunteers to help redecorate his new condo.

Jay Jendrewski, co-president of our Class Council, writes, "I'm working in New York as a paralegal at Proskauer Rose LLP. It's been a good experience for me, but life has been a bit hectic, as I'm sure you're all experiencing. And I certainly do miss Cornell. I plan to head to law school in the fall and am looking forward to escaping from the real world." Co-class correspondent **Jennifer Miel**, BArch '06, lives in the Washington, DC, area: "I work full-time on Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) contracts with an environmental consulting firm and take graduate classes at Georgetown part-time." **Ross Blankenship** is studying at the Washington U. School of Law in St. Louis. He worked this past summer as a legal investigator for the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), where he got to work on some cool cases including Enron and MCI Worldcom. Ross plans on doing litigation after graduation

and can't wait to go visit Cornell again, although he can't say he misses the cold weather.

Ben Darche currently works in business development at a large NYC advertising agency. Since graduation, he's also worked in independent film in Los Angeles and advertising in NYC. **Mackenzie Cook** writes, "After spending a year in Utah working with teenagers in a wilderness therapy program, I am at Duke Medical School. I start on my clinical rotations this fall and am really looking forward to getting out of the classroom for good." **Jennifer Bacon** writes, "Since graduating from CALS, I have been working for Cornell in the Division of Alumni Affairs and Development." Jennifer started in the Office of Student Aid Development and Stewardship and recently began a new position in the Campaign Office, assisting the director of Cornell's recently launched campaign, "Far Above . . . The Campaign for Cornell."

For two years **David Blanks** worked as an investment banking analyst at Morgan Stanley. Since April he has shifted gears, focusing on distressed debt with Highland Capital Management, a hedge fund in Dallas, TX. After graduation, **Bryn Fuller** spent ten months in France teaching English, learning to speak French, and traveling throughout Europe and North Africa. She is now back stateside, working as a paralegal at a law firm in Manhattan. After living with **Joshua Kudisch** and **EJ Hullverson**, **Sebastian Colella** now lives with two '06 grads in Washington, DC. Working for the world leader in private clubs, ClubCorp, Sebastian finds time outside of work to spend with his sister **Grier Colella '06**, who lives just a few blocks away.

Shari Moseley finished her two-year Teach For America fellowship and will be returning in September to teach another year. She visited her family in Lakewood, CA, over the summer. **Anastasia Uglova** works at the Cato Inst., where she started their podcasting program and now produces their videocasting. Every day she interviews different politicians, journalists, and novelists, hosting a nouveau-media remix of a radio show. **Eve Lenkowsky** has been working as an associate publicist at Rubenstein Public Relations in New York City. **Mike Allen** said to pass on the message that he is alive and well in San Francisco.

Elsewhere in the US, **Emmanuel Franjul** is on his second rotation at GE Aviation's Edison Engineering Program in Boston, MA, where he's had a chance to "work on exciting programs such as the presidential helicopter engine program, the GENx program (involving the world's most advanced jet engine), and others meant to provide safe and reliable engines for our helicopter and fighter jet pilots." On top of all of this, Emmanuel is also a part-time graduate student at Tufts U. in mechanical engineering. Please continue to send updates to classof2005news@gmail.com! ♦ **Michelle Wong**, michelle.r.wong@gmail.com; **Jennifer Miel**, miel.jennifer@gmail.com.

06 Congratulations! We are the first young alumni class ever to reach and exceed 100 percent of our class dues goal! So thank you for your continuing support and participation—and a job well done to the class officers for

their hard work and dedication. This is a great accomplishment and we look forward to reaching many more goals together!

It's been over a year now since we graduated from Cornell (Wow! Where has the time gone?), but some of us are still enjoying Central New York. **Michele Segalini** is a master's student in Speech-Language Pathology at Cornell. She has also stayed involved in her sorority, Alpha Omicron Pi, and works two jobs. Not too far away from the Hill, and even closer to Dinosaur BBQ, **Diamaris Welch** is a graduate student at Syracuse U. Further upstate, **Bridgette Tojek** is studying at Buffalo State U., doing sociotherapist work with emotionally disturbed children, and working toward an MS in creativity. Animal science has become more of a hobby than a career: "I've been raising Polish chickens and sheep."

In New York City, **Gabriel Villar** is coordinator of animal studies at the Greene Lab of Infectious Diseases at Columbia U. Medical Center. He is also enrolled in graduate classes at Columbia. He runs in Central Park, and recently vacationed in Cancun. Also at Columbia, **Hwa-te Tsai** started his first year in the MS program in nutrition and also took EMT-Basic classes. In addition, he tutors high school science, math, and English. **Rachel Vigneaux** finished her first year at U. of Penn Law School and interned in the legal department of Marvel Entertainment this summer in NYC. In addition to exploring Pennsylvania, Rachel visits with old Cornell friends in NYC. **Georgia Guthrie** works at the Philadelphia Education Fund as a database coordinator, and at the Pennsylvania Humanities Council as an information coordinator. She's studying for the GRE, but says she would "rather be teaching English abroad."

At the time she wrote, **Renée Santoro** was temping in Washington, DC, with plans to return to Cornell to assist with a new research project. She is also trying her hand at fundraising and organizing charity events to assist gender equality movements in Afghanistan (<http://afghanfem.tripod.com>). She admits that it's more difficult than she first realized. While working to get the fundraising project off the ground, she also volunteers for the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, does lots of yoga, and keeps up to date on biofuel research. One of her fondest memories at Cornell was "counting billions of Harpacticoida from Lake Ontario."

Joshua Harold Fenn currently does research and is "operation deep." **Kathleya Afanador** is a PhD student in cognitive psychology. She stays active by playing tennis and going hiking. She's also a guest artist at Hockodoy School in Dallas, TX. Cooking up a storm over on the West Coast, **Courtney Dougherty** is studying at the Culinary Inst. of America in Napa, CA. She's been up to lots of cooking and loves it!

In the medical field, **Jeffrey Gnerre** is a clinical information manager at the Westchester Medical Center Emergency Department. He is also the lead singer in a two-person folk guitar band, When Pluto Was a Planet. Jeffrey is applying to graduate medical programs, but would rather be "Ping-Pong champion of the world!" Also active in the medical realm, **Jason Raff** (West Milford, NJ) works for SST Corp. as an account manager

(sales) of chemical intermediates and custom manufacturing services for a small pharmaceutical company. He plays racquetball and tennis and tries to put as many miles on his motorcycle as possible. Jason recently traveled to Paris and Amsterdam, and vacationed in Hawaii.

Emily Dixon, BS '05, married **Benjamin Danforth** '05 on June 16. She writes, "I'm slave to the man at World Learning Inc., working with high-school-level study abroad and service programs." In her spare time, Emily is creating the world's greatest vegetable garden and baking crumb cake for church coffee hours. Her graduate studies at UNC started this fall.

'Duane Sun helps Goldman Sachs recruit more smarty-pants Cornellians.'

ESTHER TANG '04

Catherine Brown of Washington, DC, is a legislative correspondent for Congressman Christopher Shays of Connecticut. **Matt Altomare**, of San Angelo, TX, is a military officer in the Air Force. Matt attends classes for his intelligence career field and is following the "adult routine of cooking, cleaning, and non-partying." **Monica Meeks** is an Applebee's server and OTS Air Force officer select and started training in May. She recently traveled to Germany for four months, washed dishes to pay for it, then lived with her parents for four months and even worked for the County of Kern in California. "My fondest memory of Cornell is pulling pranks on behalf of the Statler executive chef during Senior Week."

Jenna Chesaniuk works at OBO NY on the Lower West Side in NYC. **Julie Son**, Sharon, MA, is a regional sales associate (direct ad sales) at Google, where she receives "awesome" benefits and works with great people. "I'm very happy where I am and wouldn't want to do anything else. Google is amazing!"

Thanks to everyone who filled out the questionnaire. We really appreciate it! Enjoy the holidays, and e-mail your future information to: ♦ **Kate DiCicco**, kad46@cornell.edu; and **Nicole DeGrace**, ngd4@cornell.edu.

07 Happy holidays, Class of 2007! Thanks to all those who have sent stories about their travels and experiences since leaving Ithaca last year. Members of our class are all over the world and embarking on a diverse array of interests and adventures!

Rhea Chakraborty (A&S) is a project associate at the NYU Medical Center School of Medicine's Division of Primary Care. She is writing literary reviews and helping develop the first- and second-year year medical school course curriculum. However, she says the most fun part of her job is keeping the medical students in line. **Larissa**

Paschyn (A&S) worked as a political researcher and business communications specialist for the US-Ukraine Foundation last summer and will now become a Fulbright Scholar to Ukraine, researching Ukrainian cinema. She will also work for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's liaison office to support defense reforms, and for Horizon Capital, a private equity fund manager.

Helen Yang (ILR) is working as an HCM analyst for Goldman Sachs in New York City. She is in the division of Scorecard Legal & MCD and Global Compliance, ensuring that there is diversity within the Goldman Sachs family. **Renia Soluk** (Hotel) is working at the Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts in Carlsbad, CA, as a manager-in-training in the food and beverage division. **Vikram Kanda** (vak2005@med.cornell.edu) graduated with a BA in Biology, concentrating in Molecular and Cell Biology. "I am now working on my PhD in Pharmacology at the Weill Cornell Medical College in NYC."

Congratulations to all of you on your wonderful accomplishments. Keep it up! As your class correspondents, we always look forward to hearing more, so write to us! Let us know what you've been up to and we'll post it in a future column. Until then, Happy Holidays—and stay warm! ♦ **Dana Skolnick**, dana.skolnick@gmail.com; and **Marianna Gomez**, mag95@cornell.edu.



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Alumni Deaths

'27 BA—**Elisabeth Reamer** Carson of Delray Beach, FL, December 8, 2006; active in alumni affairs. Pi Beta Phi.

'28 DVM—**John P. McIntosh** of Kensington, CT, January 5, 2005; veterinarian; veteran; active in civic, community, and religious affairs. Alpha Psi.

'28 MS Ag—**Austin H. Wilkins** of Augusta, ME, October 2, 2005.

'29 BS HE—**Margaret Pontius** Stephens of Geneva, NY, November 14, 2006; active in alumni affairs. Alpha Omicron Pi.

'30 BA—**Alvin A. Rosenberg** of Wilmington, NC, formerly of Morristown, NJ, February 3, 2005; retired physician; veteran. Pi Lambda Phi.

'31 BME—**A. Haslup Forman** of Manakin Sabot, VA, December 1, 2006; active in alumni affairs.

'34—**Benjamin Litwak** of Stuart, FL, November 28, 2006; veteran.

'34 MD—**Henry T. Sherman** of Valdosta, GA, December 6, 1999; physician.

'35—**William R. Hornbrook** of Auburn, WA, formerly of Ithaca, NY, December 29, 2006; retired from New York State Electric and Gas.

'37 BA—**Jean Pybus** Carpenter of Herkimer, NY, December 16, 2006; high school English teacher; elementary school librarian; active in community and religious affairs.

'37 BS Ag, MS Ag '50—**Robert J. Euker** of Johnson City, NY, November 25, 2006; retired guidance counselor; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Alpha Gamma Rho.

'37 BS Hotel—**John F. O'Neil** of Tulsa, OK, formerly of Wildwood, FL, December 24, 2006; worked for Gulf Oil Co.; former hotelier; active in community and professional affairs.

'37, BEE '38—**John W. Rogers** of Hudson, OH, November 16, 2006; retired General Electric sales executive; veteran; embroiderer; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

'37 BA—**Stewart Waring** of Sag Harbor, NY, December 5, 2006; active in community affairs. Sigma Phi.

'38 BA—**Robert H. Bodholdt** of Reno, NV, January 1, 2007. Sigma Phi.

'38 BArch—**John H. Christiana Jr.** of Jamesville, NY, December 10, 2006; VP, J. D. Taylor

Construction Co.; veteran; artist. Wife, Margaret (Soper) '40.

'38 PhD—**Charles W. Colman** of Albany, NY, December 13, 2006; retired director of int'l programs, SUNY Albany; professor of Romance languages, U. of Nebraska, U. of Mississippi, and U. of Illinois.

'38 MS Ag, PhD '53—**Jess W. Jones** of Clemson, SC, December 2, 2006; director, resident instruction, Clemson U.; veteran; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'38 BA, MD '42—**Raymond Pearson** of Springfield, IL, December 14, 2006; retired physician; veteran; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs. Acacia.

'38, BME '39—**G. Page West Jr.** of Towson, MD, November 26, 2006; retired sales manager, Black & Decker; veteran; active in community affairs. Delta Upsilon.

'39 BA—**Ethel Piness** Abrams of Bridgewater, NJ, November 14, 2006; language consultant, Atkins Int'l; high school teacher; social investigator, NJ State Board of Child Welfare; active in professional and alumni affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.

'39 BS HE—**June Thorn** Cobb (Mrs. Gilbert H. '41) of St. George, UT, December 15, 2006; retired librarian, Eastern Michigan U.

'39—**Lewis E. Fancourt** of Buffalo, NY, November 22, 2006; retired sales representative, Mine Safety Appliance Corp.; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Chi Phi.

'39 BS HE—**Alice Scheidt** Henry (Mrs. Harold W., SP Ag '35-'37) of Buffalo, NY, November 17, 2006; homemaker; active in alumni affairs. Kappa Delta.

'39 BA—**William Y. Hutchison** of Naples, FL, December 4, 2006; owner, Continental Scale Corp.; inventor; author; active in civic, community, religious, and alumni affairs. Chi Phi.

'39 BA—**Virginia Sturtevant** Miller of East Meadow, NY, December 10, 2006; active in alumni affairs. Husband, Edwin M. Miller '35, JD '39.

'39 BS Ag, PhD '53—**Harvey I. Scudder** of Dublin, CA, December 19, 2006; professor emeritus of microbiology, California State U., Hayward; served in the US Public Health Service; mosquito abatement officer; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'39 BA—**Margaret Bradstreet** Smith of Alpharetta, GA, December 15, 2006. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'39, BEE '40—**Jerome H. Wood** of Buffalo, NY, December 6, 2006. Chi Phi.

'40 BA, MD '43—**Frederick A. Beardsley Jr.** of Storrs Mansfield, CT, December 10, 2006; retired physician; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Lambda Chi Alpha.

'40-42 SP Ag—**Donald H. Neilson** of Latham, NY, December 30, 2006; retired asst. director of marketing, NYS Dept. of Agriculture; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'41—**Isaiah Freed** of Lake Worth, FL, formerly of Brooklyn, NY, August 13, 2002.

'41—**Robert P. Jerge** of West Monroe, LA, November 9, 2006; production control mgr., Mack Truck Co.; real estate agent; veteran; active in community affairs.

'41 BME—**Frederick E. Munschauer Jr.** of Amherst, NY, December 17, 2006; retired CEO, Niagara Machine Tool Works; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Theta Delta Chi.

'42 BS Ag—**Felix T. Barmonde** of Syracuse, NY, December 8, 2006; retired railroad perishables inspector; schoolteacher; dairy farmer; veteran; active in community affairs.

'42 BS Ag—**John S. Chesebro** of Springfield, VA, December 17, 2006; retired Army colonel; head of publications, Army Dept.; editor, *Soldiers* magazine; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'42 BA—**Paul S. Hall** of New York City, December 3, 2006; veteran; active in religious affairs.

'42 BA—**Arthur J. Pantos** of West Newton, MA, November 9, 2005; CEO, Pantos Corp.; veteran.

'42 MS—**Robert W. Parry** of Salt Lake City, UT, December 1, 2006; professor emeritus of chemistry, U. of Utah; also taught at U. of Michigan; author; editor; active in professional affairs.

'42 DVM—**Fred B. Pulling Jr.** of Las Vegas, NV, formerly of Atascadero, CA, December 10, 2006; retired veterinarian; active in community and professional affairs. Alpha Psi.

'42 BA, PhD '46—**Christian R. Sporck** of Los Gatos, CA, December 4, 2006; manager of IC Packaging Group, National Semiconductor Corp.; active in alumni affairs.

'42 BS HE—**Julia Snell** Wood of Haworth, NJ, October 31, 2006; worked on alumni publications; veteran. Delta Delta Delta.

'43 BCE—**Arthur F. Concors** of Walden, NY, November 9, 2006; board chairman, Thruway Food Market & Shopping Ctr.; veteran; active in community and alumni affairs. Tau Epsilon Phi. Wife, Joyce (Jacobowitz) '46.

'43 BS Ag—**Ross B. Frair** of Cummington, MA, formerly of Portville, MA, November 21, 2006; insurance agent; veteran; active in community affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'43 BA, B Chem E '48—**Edward S. Garner III** of Berkeley, CA, November 21, 2006; veteran; active in alumni affairs. Delta Chi.

'43 BEE—**William J. Moore** of Seattle, WA, November 14, 2004; electrical engineer for Raytheon, Phillips Norelco, Collins Radio, and Rockwell Int'l; civilian employee, US Navy; communications systems tester during Bikini Atoll A-bomb tests; active in community affairs.

'43 BA—**Charles Rosengarten** of Roslyn Heights, NY, January 1, 2006; attorney. Tau Delta Phi. Wife, Marilyn (Greenberg) '45.

'44, BA '43—**Doris J. Polachek** of New York City, December 4, 2006; retired VP, Merrill Lynch. Sigma Delta Tau.

'44 BA—**Alice McClister Ritts** of Greenwich, CT, December 18, 2006; gallery curator; active in community and religious affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta.

'44—**Shirley Singer Samuels** of New Hartford, NY, December 20, 2006; English professor, Utica College; faculty union president, Herkimer County Comm. College; active in civic affairs.

'44 BS Ag—**Carol Perrine Stanford** of Houston, TX, November 19, 2006; retired social worker; active in community affairs.

'45—**Peter K. Clough** of Edgartown, MA, November 7, 2006; partner, real estate firm of Birt Whistle and Livingston; active in civic and community affairs. Alpha Delta Phi.

'45, BA '44, MD '48—**Robert L. Dow** of Gaithersburg, MD, November 24, 2006; orthopaedic surgeon; faculty member, George Washington U.; veteran; landscape designer. Theta Xi.

'45 BA—**Ruth Nielsen Page** of Greene, NY, November 17, 2006; homemaker; worked for Page Seed Co.; active in religious affairs.

'45 BA—**Beatrice Wood Patch** (Mrs. Bradley J. '36) of Owego, NY, December 5, 2006; retired translator and teacher. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'45 BME—**Ralph R. Riehl Jr.** of Erie, PA, December 25, 2006; president, Riehl Co.; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'45 MD—**George Robinson** of Scarsdale, NY, February 24, 1999; chief of cardiothoracic surgery, Montefiore Hospital.

'45 MD—**William R. Shera** of Scarsdale, NY, June 21, 2006; physician.

'45, BS Ag '49—**Edmund J. Towle Jr.** of Albany, NY, November 25, 2006; executive VP, New York State Dairy Foods; veteran.

'46, BCE '45—**Arthur W. Beale Jr.** of Rochester, NY, December 10, 2006; retired from Eastman Kodak; also worked in construction. Delta Upsilon. Wife, Joy (Gulling) '47.

'46 MD—**Merlin K. DuVal Jr.** of Phoenix, AZ, December 5, 2006; founder of Arizona's first medical school; closed down the Tuskegee project;

former US Asst. Secretary of Health; former president and CEO, Associated Health Systems; former senior VP for medical affairs, Samaritan Health Services; developed surgical procedure to treat chronic pancreatitis; first to replace a human jaw with acrylic rather than with human bone; taught at the U. of Oklahoma School of Medicine; hosted CBS-TV program in Phoenix; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'46 BCE—**Gilbert I. Holmberg** of Tenafly, NJ, December 26, 2006; retired manufacturers rep.; active in alumni affairs. Chi Epsilon.

'46, BS HE '45—**Sylvia Siegel Jennis** of West Orange, NJ, December 3, 2006; credit manager, Parker Interior Landscapes; active in community affairs. Sigma Delta Tau.

'46, BA '45—**Concetta LaCorte Juliano** of Stuart, FL, December 15, 2006; partner and VP, BRJ Associates; active in community and religious affairs.

'46—**Richard A. Seggel** of West Caldwell, NJ, December 2, 2006; president, Dodge-Newark Supply Co.; veteran; artist; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Zeta Psi.

'47 BA—**Barbara G. Berger** of New York City, December 22, 2006; clinical psychologist and therapist; active in community and professional affairs.

'47 PhD—**George H. Bick** of Port Angeles, WA, November 27, 2005; professor of biology, Tulane U., Southwestern Louisiana State U., and St. Mary's College; veteran; author; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'47 BA—**Gisela Teichmann Dalrymple** of Bellingham, WA, November 11, 2006; retired pediatrician; medical director, United Cerebral Palsy Treatment and Rehabilitation Center; asst. clinical professor of pediatrics, Cornell and Columbia medical schools; director, Staten Island Community Care Clinic; medical director, San Gabriel Valley Regional Center; asst. prof., pediatrics, UC Irvine; also practiced in Meadville, PA; active in community and professional affairs. Kappa Delta.

'47 DVM—**Robert A. Sauter** of Indianapolis, IN, December 20, 2006; director of scientific regulatory affairs, Elizabeth Arden; veterinarian; veteran; active in community, professional, and alumni affairs. Sigma Nu.

'47 DVM—**Louis C. Schimoler** of Glen Head, NY, December 21, 2006; veterinarian; active in community and alumni affairs.

'47, BS HE '46—**Virginia Brown Smith** of Sandy Creek, NY, November 18, 2006; taught home economics; active in community affairs.

'47 BA—**Vivian Anderson Smith** of Sugar Land, TX, November 19, 2006; retired secretary; active in community and religious affairs. Chi Omega.

'47 BCE—**William E. Speece** of Ord, NE, November 21, 2006; principal, Speece-Lewis Engineers. Phi Kappa Sigma.

'47 MEd—**Edward L. Tucker** of New London,

NH, December 4, 2006; English teacher; guidance counselor; deputy director of personnel, State of New Hampshire; veteran; active in civic and community affairs.

'48 BS Ag—**Russell A. Cookingham** of Monument Beach, MA, December 3, 2006; director, New Jersey Div. of Fish & Wildlife and Marine Fisheries; former asst. director, Massachusetts Div. of Fish & Game; veteran; active in community, professional, and religious affairs. Theta Chi.

'48 BS HE—**Jean M. Dunlavy** of Ithaca, NY, December 8, 2006; elementary school teacher; active in civic, community, and alumni affairs. Chi Omega.

'48 BA—**Harold M. Guzy** of Boca Raton, FL, November 27, 2006; attorney; active in alumni affairs. Tau Delta Phi.

'48, DVM '50—**Ronald D. Lambert** of Dennis, MA, June 26, 2002; veterinarian.

'48 BA—**Robert I. Siegel** of Weston, CT, November 30, 2006; VP and general counsel, Competitive Technologies; president, Klear-Vu Corp.; active in civic and community affairs. Wife, Suzanne (Kreisman) '52.

'49 BS ILR—**Nancy Persons Delaney** of Denver, CO, December 3, 2006; active in civic and alumni affairs. Kappa Alpha Theta. Husband, Arthur C. Delaney '49.

'49 MD—**Julian MarDock** of Dallas, TX, December 18, 2006; family physician and general surgeon; veteran; author; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'49, B Chem E '50—**Richard E. Moulton** of Piscataway, NJ, November 20, 2006; supervisor, disability dept., State of New Jersey; chemical engineer, Union Carbide; active in community and religious affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'49 BS Ag—**Edwin L. Slusarczyk** of Remsen, NY, December 29, 2006; broadcaster, Ag Radio Network; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'49 BS ORIE—**Richard M. Weiser Jr.** of Tucson, AZ, August 21, 2006. Kappa Sigma.

'50 MS Ag—**Floyd Henderson** of Upper Arlington, OH, December 6, 2006; agricultural extension agent; active in civic, community, and religious affairs.

'50 BA—**Paula Moyer Jung** (Mrs. Peter J. '49) of Dallas, TX, December 30, 2006; trial attorney; worked in the statistical office, United Nations; active in civic affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'50 BA—**Robert B. Matthiessen** of Pasadena, CA, November 17, 2006.

'50 DVM—**Wilson L. Miller** of Rohrerstown, PA, October 15, 2004; poultry veterinarian. Wife, Barbara (Miller), MA '50.

'50 BS Hotel—**John R. Reas** of Tavares, FL, November 8, 2006; retired food service mgr.; active in alumni affairs.

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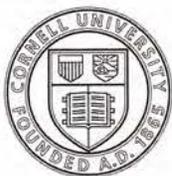
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'50 PhD—**Odin Wilhelmy Jr.** of Columbus, OH, November 19, 2006; agent/CLU, Banker's Life Principal Financial Group; division chief in research, Battelle Memorial Inst.; also taught at Cornell U.; veteran; active in community and religious affairs.

'51, BA '52—**Hugh P. McGeehan** of Colorado Springs, CO, September 26, 2006; retired, US Treasury Dept.; veteran; active in community affairs. Phi Sigma Kappa.

'51, BME '52—**William A. Messina** of Maitland, FL, December 1, 2006; president and CEO, Better Plastics Inc.; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'51 GR—**Philipp C. Sottong** of Signal Mountain, TN, December 11, 2006; psychiatrist; authority on multiple personality disorders; former director, Chattanooga Mental Health Clinic; veteran; novelist; artist; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'52 MS—**Laura Couch Adams** of Andrews, SC, December 21, 2006; retired science and chemistry teacher; active in community and religious affairs.

'52 PhD—**Harold W. Benn** of Littleton, CO, November 17, 2006; founder and dean, Metropolitan State College; executive, Food and Agriculture Org., United Nations; administrator, U. of Wyoming; veteran; active in professional affairs.

'52 BS HE—**Nancy Codling Fraser** of Delmar, NY, November 20, 2006; medical social worker; active in community and religious affairs. Delta Gamma.

'52 BA, PhD '56—**Martha Ludwig Hoch** of Ann Arbor, MI, November 27, 2006; professor of biological chemistry, U. of Michigan biophysics research. Delta Delta Delta.

'52 MCE—**Norman L. Meade** of Fair Oaks, CA, July 14, 2006; engineer. Phi Kappa Psi.

'52 BA, JD '55—**Donald J. Parmet** of Palm Beach, FL, December 11, 2006; attorney; active in alumni affairs. Sigma Alpha Mu.

'52 PhD—**Daniel T. Pope** of Mt. Pleasant, SC, December 4, 2006; professor of horticulture, North Carolina State U.; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.

'52 BS Ag—**Carlton J. Porter Jr.** of Byron, NY, December 21, 2006; retired farmer, Porter Farms; veteran; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'52, BEP '53, PhD '56—**Richard J. Rosa** of Polson, MT, December 22, 2006; professor emeritus; active in community affairs. Tau Beta Phi.

'52 BS HE, MFS '53—**Eleanore Thim Schwartz** of Hayward, CA, April 17, 2005. Pi Beta Phi.

'52 MA—**Virginia Krepski Selewach** of Dillsburg, PA, June 26, 2005.

'53-55 GR—**Jean J. Couturier** of Lancaster, PA, December 7, 2006; retired exec. director, Senior Executives Assn.; union organizer; civil service

reformer; professor of public management, Northwestern U.; author; veteran; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'53 LLB—**John A. C. Hetherington** of Charlottesville, VA, December 10, 2006; professor of law, U. of Virginia and U. of Wisconsin; Wall Street lawyer; active in professional affairs.

'54 B Chem E—**Robert L. Reed** of The Woodlands, TX, November 29, 2006; retired from Amoco Production; active in community affairs.

'54 BS Ag—**Nancy Plunkett Trumble** of Edinboro, PA, December 22, 2006; science teacher; riding teacher; horse show judge; active in community affairs.

'54 BA—**Laura Rilander Zellink** of New York City, June 28, 2006; TV writer for "Sesame Street"; copywriter; public information officer, Cherry Hill Public Schools; actress.

'54 BA—**Seymour Zigman** of Falmouth, MA, December 14, 2006; pioneer in eye research; biochemist; author; patent holder; active in professional affairs.

'55 BCE—**Shah M. Nabkel** of Colorado Springs, CO, October 25, 2006. Wife, Dolores (Schubert) '45.

'55 BA—**John A. Sheehy** of New York City was mistakenly listed as deceased in the May/June '07 issue of *Cornell Alumni Magazine*.

'56 BA—**Richard N. Bernstein** of Scranton, PA, December 28, 2006; playwright; co-author, *Young Abe Lincoln*; TV producer; public relations consultant, Office of Economic Opportunity; investment counselor.

'56 BS Ag, DVM '63—**John R. Jeffrey** of Henningville, NY, November 7, 2006; veterinarian; beef cattle farmer; veteran; active in community and professional affairs.

'56 MEd—**Moses M. Sitton** of Chester, SC, November 12, 2006; school principal and teacher; also worked in farm demonstration for Clemson U. Extension Svc.; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs.

'56 JD—**Winfield E. Wight Jr.** of St. Petersburg, FL, May 31, 2006; attorney. Wife, Laura (Brooks) '55.

'57 BS Ag, MS Ag '59—**Charles P. Gratto** of Ames, IA, December 8, 2006; professor emeritus of economics, Iowa State U.; expert in public policy education; active in community and professional affairs. Alpha Zeta.

'57 BS HE—**Elizabeth Quinn Lewis** of South Portland, ME, November 20, 2006; director, Child Life program, Maine Medical Ctr.; active in community and religious affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma.

'57 BS Ag—**Asa O. Palmer** of Venice, FL, November 17, 2006; retired pharmaceutical salesman; charter boat captain; veteran.

'57 BS HE—**Carol Mulherin Roche** of Hampton,

VA, November 20, 2006; realtor; active in religious affairs.

'57 BA—**Carole Lewis Stoddard** of New York City, December 13, 2006; retired copyright editor, Dell Publishing; active in community and alumni affairs.

'57—**Robert L. Weibly** of Marana, AZ, formerly of Etna, NY, November 8, 2006; TWA pilot; veteran. Sigma Pi.

'58 DVM—**Alan E. Crawford** of Gettysburg, PA, December 15, 2006; veterinarian; Gettysburg battlefield guide; active in community and alumni affairs. Sigma Phi Epsilon.

'58 PhD—**Philip C. Hewitt** of Rochester, NY, July 5, 2004; professor of geology, Union College.

'58 PhD—**Robert E. Partyka** of Columbus, OH, December 24, 2006; director, Tree and Shrub div., ChemLawn; professor, Ohio State U.; consultant.

'58 BA—**Alexander R. Piper III** of Akaroa, New Zealand, September 20, 2006; head of Drexel Burnham's specialist operations; partner and head of equity and derivative trading, Paine Webber; founding member, Interbourse; active in professional affairs. Pi Kappa Phi.

'58-59 GR—**Daniel R. Raichel** of Fort Collins, CO, December 22, 2006; president, Raichel Technology Group; director, Acoustic Research Center, Cooper Union; taught at the Pratt Inst. and Colorado State U.; author; active in professional affairs.

'58 MS Ag, PhD '68—**John A. Rogalla** of San Luis Obispo, CA, October 23, 2006; professor emeritus of agribusiness, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo; veteran; active in professional and religious affairs.

'59 MS—**George A. Everett** of Ithaca, NY, December 13, 2006; researched RNA structure for Cornell's US Plant, Soil, and Nutrition Lab; musician; active in community affairs.

'59 BS Hotel—Major **Alan J. Yehle** of Savannah, GA, December 15, 2006; retired military; accountant for hotel industry. Zeta Psi.

'60, B Chem E '61—**John S. Coppage Jr.** of Laguna Woods, CA, formerly of Midland, MI, December 31, 2006; chemical engineer, Dow Chemical; taught at Saginaw Valley and Northwood U.; active in civic, community, professional, and religious affairs. Chi Phi.

'60 JD—**William F. Dudine Jr.** of New York City, December 27, 2006; retired law partner, Darby & Darby; veteran; active in community, religious, and alumni affairs.

'60-61 GR—**Elizabeth Cushman Stiles** of Romulus, NY, and Maui, HI, December 3, 2006; schoolteacher; active in community and religious affairs.

'61, MD '63—**Joseph M. Deignan Jr.** of Glen Allen, VA, was mistakenly listed as deceased in the September/October 2007 *Cornell Alumni Magazine*.

'62, BA '63—**Jerome J. Pomerance** of New York City, December 12, 2006; owner, J. J. Pomerance & Co. Beta Sigma Rho. Wife, Fredi (Paster) '63.

'63 BS Hotel—**Pieter W. Carvalho** of Clendenin, WV, December 1, 2006; land title researcher; active in religious affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'64 BS Hotel—**Richard A. Nizolek** of Middletown, CT, December 8, 2006. Delta Kappa Epsilon.

'64 BS ILR, JD '71—**J. Anthony Smith** of Steamboat Springs, CO, formerly of Great Falls, VA, and Anchorage, AK, December 8, 2006; attorney; senior counsel, Schmeltzer, Aptaker & Shepard; counsel for Alaska native corporations; commissioner of commerce and economic development, State of Alaska; veteran; columnist; active in civic, community, professional, and alumni affairs. Chi Phi.

'64 BS ILR—**Robert J. Strudler** of Houston, TX, November 7, 2006; chairman, Lennar Corp.; former chair and CEO, US Home Corp.; attorney; active in community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'65, BS Ag '66—**Loren G. Baker** of Horseheads, NY, December 24, 2006; VP of sales, Banfield and Baker Corp.; former VP, Haile-Dean Seed Co.; host of radio show on gardening; active in civic and community affairs.

'65 PhD—**Richard A. Johnson** of Silver Spring, MD, March 27, 2006.

'65 MS Ag, PhD '71—**Alan A. MacNab** of Pennsylvania Furnace, PA, November 28, 2006; professor of plant pathology, Penn State U.; author; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'65 MS Ag, PhD '67—**Grahame J. C. Smith** of Rancho Mirage, CA, December 9, 2006; taught at Brown U., Boston U., and Babson College; president, Palm Springs Writers Guild; active in community affairs.

'65, BA '69, MBA '71—**Anthony C. Treadwell** of York, PA, December 1, 2006; CFO and VP, Consolidated Scrap Resources; former exec. VP, Universal Empire Industries and Wallace Industries; veteran; active in community and professional affairs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

'65 BS Ag—**Joseph R. Tuckosh Jr.** of Hockessin, DE, December 12, 2006; veterinarian; director of medical research, Astra Zeneca Corp.; active in community affairs. Sigma Pi.

'67, BS Ag '68—**Darryl G. Dale** of Louisburg, NC, November 9, 2005; taught conservation and horticulture; operated a garden center and farmer's market; active in professional and religious affairs.

'69 BS HE—**Catherine Capra** Butler of Austin, TX, December 1, 2006; city planner; interior designer; advertising executive; real estate agent; worked for Seton Healthcare Network; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs. Delta Delta Delta.

'69 PhD—**Pearl Posey Campbell** of Saratoga Springs, NY, December 18, 2006; community activist; assoc. supervisor, Bureau of Home Economics, NY State Dept. of Education; active in civic, community, professional, religious, and alumni affairs.

'69 MST—**Richard C. Garger** of Whitehall, PA, December 12, 2006; retired teacher and school administrator; veteran; active in religious affairs.

'69 BA—**Carol A. Kavanagh** of Rochester, NY, December 21, 2006; assoc. chief of pediatrics, Rochester General Hospital; clinical assoc. professor, U. of Rochester; also practiced at the Wilson Health Center.

'69 BA—**Lillian Trager** of Racine, WI, November 10, 2006; professor of anthropology, U. of Wisconsin, Parkside; active in professional affairs.

'71 MPA—**Jonathan M. Rudolph** of Longmeadow, MA, December 8, 2006; VP, Baystate Health Partners; veteran.

'71 PhD—**William R. Walls Jr.** of Ithaca, NY, March 1, 1979.

'75 DVM—**Allen W. Epstein** of New York City, December 11, 2006; veterinarian.

'75 BEE—**Holly Baum Rogness** of Pickering, Ontario, July 12, 2005.

'75 MA—**Lois Larson Williams** of Berkeley Heights, NJ, November 9, 2006; head of technology services and systems, Westfield Memorial Library.

'81 BA—**Eric J. Schmuckler** of Tarrytown, NY, December 27, 2006; journalist; former senior editor, *MediaWeek*; also worked for *Forbes* and *City Business*; active in professional affairs.

'83 BS HE—**Elizabeth A. Waters** of Tampa, FL, December 8, 2006; VP and general counsel, Lykes Bros.; active in civic, community, and professional affairs.

'84 MBA—**John F. Blodgett** of Sonoma, CA, December 15, 2006; worked for Bridger Commercial Funding; active in alumni affairs.

'84 BS ILR—**Eric Kwitel** of Tallinn, Estonia, October 27, 2006; real estate entrepreneur and investor. Kappa Sigma.

'87 MS Chem E, PhD '91—**Kuo-Shu E. Chang** of New Market, MD, formerly of Charlotte, NC, January 1, 2007; senior research scientist, Associated Hygienic Products; active in community, professional, and religious affairs.

'90 BME, MS '98—**Christian F. P. Aubrecht** of Orchard Park, NY, December 5, 2006; product manager, Hewlett Packard/Agilent Technologies; owner, CBQ Consulting; also worked for Oracle and Valspar Corp.; active in community affairs. Phi Kappa Tau.

'05 BS HE—**Brian F. O'Reilly** of Glendale, NY, December 18, 2006; active in community affairs. Alpha Sigma Phi.



Fun with Fungi

FOR BIG RED MYCOLOGISTS, THE (MUSHROOM) HUNT IS ON

WHAT DOES KATHIE HODGE study? Hint: In her office in plant pathology, there's a box of mushroom-shaped candies, a hat made of "mushroom felt," skeins of tan wool colored with mushroom dye, and a bag of dog biscuits made from . . . you guessed it.

Hodge, PhD '98, adores all things fungi; every Wednesday during the first half of fall semester, she takes her students in Plant Pathology 319 ("Mushrooms of Field and Forest") out to troll for specimens. "Then," she says, "we come back and try to figure out what they are." She also goes mushroom hunting for fun; she tells a cautionary tale about some colleagues who were ticketed by the Department of Environmental Conservation for "illegal clearance of vegetation" while carrying buckets of chanterelles from nearby Connecticut Hill. When she's not in the field, the lab, or the classroom, she tends the Cornell Mushroom Blog, which features sumptuous photographs, plentiful news of the weird (in the world of fungi, you don't have to look far), even a first-person tale of surviving accidental ingestion of the deadly *Amanita virosa* by Wilson Lab employee Richard Eshelman.

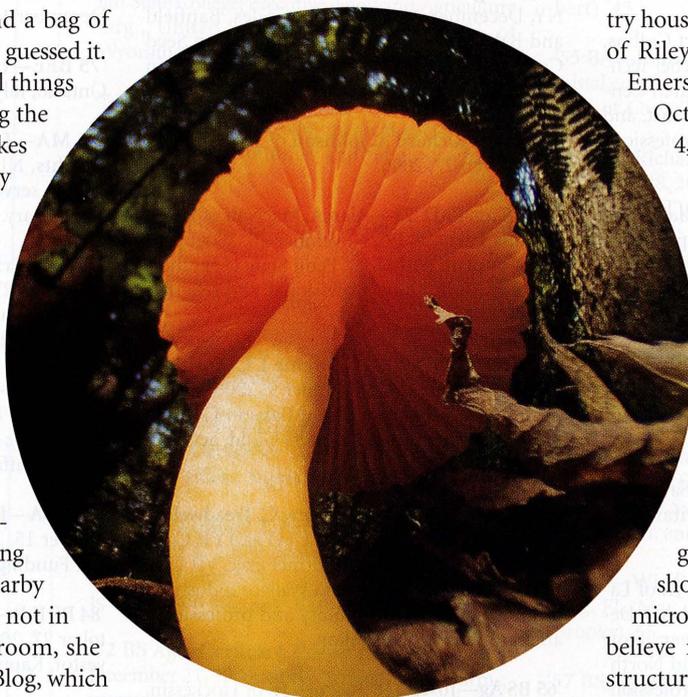
Hodge is also director of Cornell's Plant Pathology Herbarium, a collection of fungi and plant disease specimens documenting the planet's biodiversity. It's either the fourth or fifth largest in North America; it's hard to tell which, because there's no exact count of how many

items—somewhere between 300,000 and 400,000—it actually has. They're housed in small boxes or envelopes, each marked with where and when it was collected, in

the other repatriated to China.

The collection used to be located next door to Hodge's office, but seven years ago it was evicted due to space needs, and since then it has been lodged in a former poultry house, a tractor garage in the basement of Riley-Robb, and rented space at the Emerson Power Transmission plant. In October it moved to its new home, a 4,400-square-foot, climate-controlled facility in a former chicken barn off Game Farm Road.

Last year, a fungus hunt in the Cornell Plantations Wildflower Garden may have yielded a new entry. A visiting mycology professor from China, Bo Huang, did the collecting: a pinch of rotting leaf litter. The sample was put in a Petri dish with a growth medium inside the cover, and a microfungus in the unassuming speck of dirt shot its spores upward. Under the microscope, he and Hodge saw what they believe is an entirely new genus, whose structures she describes as "little plastic tubes" or "little secondary rockets." "It's kind of pretty, actually," says Hodge, noting that although some 250,000 species of fungi have been identified, that's believed to be only 5 percent of what's out there. "It's not that hard to find a new one," she says, "but it's still exciting." Though she hesitates to trumpet the discovery pending peer review, she has tentatively named the find in honor of Ezra Cornell: *Drechslerospora cornellii*.



144 hulking metal storage cases, with some entries dating to the 1880s. Some 2,000 of the specimens came to Cornell via S. C. Teng, MS '26; considered the father of mycology in China, Teng smuggled the specimens out of Nanking by oxcart during the Japanese invasion of 1937. This fall, many of the samples will be halved, with one part kept at Cornell and

Microcosmos: The Cornell Mushroom Blog (http://hosts.cce.cornell.edu/mushroom_blog/) features images by Kent Loeffler, who used a boroscope to photograph this *Camarophyllus*.

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